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Pittsburgh	70	26	32	12	223	260	64
Los Angeles	72	26	34	12	264	291	64
Detroit	70	24	35	11	236	251	59
ADAMS DIVISION							
Buffalo	70	41	17	12	266	182	94
Boston	71	40	19	12	271	208	92
Minnesota	69	30	25	14	272	226	74
Toronto	69	30	34	5	265	283	65
Quebec	68	23	36	9	204	246	55

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Philadelphia	70	45	8	17	296	214	107
NY Rangers	70	35	26	9	275	243	79
NY Islanders	71	34	28	9	244	224	77
Atlanta	68	31	25	12	236	219	74
Washington	70	24	35	11	232	257	59
SMYTHE DIVISION							
Chicago	70	30	23	17	204	214	77
St. Louis	70	29	30	11	224	239	69
Vancouver	71	23	34	14	224	251	60
Edmonton	72	22	38	12	263	299	56
Colorado	70	17	41	12	209	270	46
Winnipeg	71	16	44	11	190	284	43

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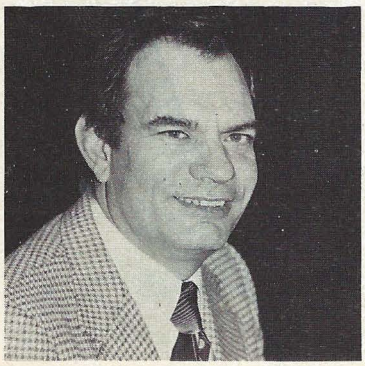
The Short Circuit



March 19, 1980
By JOHN SHORT

I'm extremely grateful that the unwarranted suggestions that Wayne Gretzky should be named winner of the rookie of the year award in the National Hockey League have been sidetracked.

After all, we made an agreement before the June expansion that players who had competed in more than 25 games as World Hockey Association members would not be eligible for rookie competition in the NHL.

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We welcome the N.H.L. teams to our city, as they visit us throughout the season's schedule. Involvement in the National Hockey League furthers the bond of friendship between Edmonton and many other major centres in Canada and the United States, and we look to our own Oilers along with all other N.H.L. teams, to foster the spirit of good sportsmanship and goodwill that benefits each of our communities.

Best wishes to the National Hockey League for a successful Hockey Season, and good luck to the Edmonton Oilers, the representatives of our city and all its people.

Yours sincerely,

C.J. (Cec) Purves
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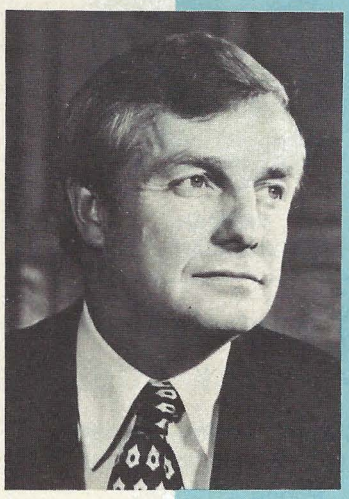

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MESSAGE FROM PREMIER LOUGHEED

Both personally and on behalf of the Government of Alberta, I would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes to the Edmonton Oilers in their freshman year in the National Hockey League.

I know that when the regular hockey season concludes in early April, both spectators and Oiler personnel alike will have enjoyed a rewarding season and will be looking forward to an even greater future.

Alberta is proud to have the National Hockey League in our province, and I know I speak for the people of Alberta in wishing our new hockey Club sincere best wishes for a successful 1979-80 season.

Good luck - we will all be cheering!

Peter Lougheed

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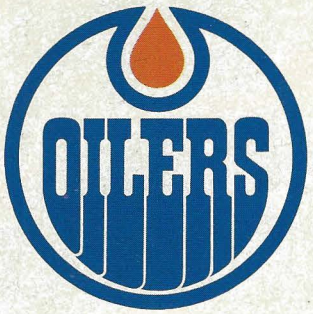

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JOHN SHORT . . .

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I'm sure you understand that if we had lost the opportunity to join the NHL because of it, there would have been almost limitless criticism.

I think Gretzky is the best first-year player ever to enter the National Hockey League. If the voting rules made him eligible, there's no doubt the contest would be over by now.

But there's another trophy Gretzky deserves. And he's eligible for it.

I'm talking about the Hart Trophy. That's the one that goes to the most valuable player in the entire league.

If Gretzky doesn't win it, the National Hockey League should take the trophy and throw it in the Hudson River. Then it should never be mentioned again.

Name a more valuable player to his team.

Remember, the award is not for best player or most promising player or best-looking player or most publicized player or most popular player.

We're talking about the most valuable player.

If there's anyone who has done more for his team than Wayne Gretzky has done for the Oilers, I wish somebody would point him out to me. I don't think such a person exists.

The fact that Gretzky is still only 19 has nothing to do with this opinion. It's just that he has done more for the Oilers — whether we make the playoffs or not — than any other person has done for any other team.

I'm sure Mike Liut will get some votes in St. Louis. I think Ray Bourque of Boston deserves a vote. Pete Peeters certainly should be considered and there must be somebody else on that ultra-powerful Philadelphia team, too.

There are a handful of New York writers here tonight and I'm sure they could name the most valuable New York Ranger player and the most valuable New York Islander. The question is: has any one individual done as much in The Big Apple as Gretzky has done in Edmonton? The answer is: no.

Maybe we should go down a list by teams. I can't think of any other way.

Besides the guys mentioned above, you'd have to consider Glen Hanlon and Stan Smyl of Vancouver Canucks. They're both young and improving, but they aren't in Gretzky's class and they don't deserve to be.

Colorado won't get any support for an individual but the scoring leader always gets votes and that means Marcel Dionne is worth something. In Detroit, Reed Larson is a standout. In Buffalo, Danny Gare and Gilbert Perreault and Don Edwards have supporters.

Where do we go from there?

Well, there's nobody with a major dominance in Atlanta or Washington or Pittsburgh. Larry Robinson and Guy Lafleur, of course, are worth votes in Montreal. Injuries to key people have made it difficult to come up with a choice for Quebec.

That leaves one other club: Chicago Black Hawks. And one other player: Terry Ruskowski.

I think Ruskowski is the second most-valuable player in the NHL. Gretzky is the winner — or at least he should be — and Marcel Dionne, Mike Liut and Glen Hanlon can round out the top five.

What's your view?

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PLAYER PROFILE

ULF NILSSON

FORWARD

NEW YORK RANGERS

SHOOTS: Right
BORN: Nynashamn, Sweden May 11, 1950
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 175 lbs.

New York Rangers are in good shape for the race to the playoffs, primarily because outstanding Swedish centre Ulf Nilsson has returned from the injured list. There were hints earlier this season that Nilsson might not recover fully from a mysterious neck injury but he has been sharp since his return and helps provide the Broadway Blueshirts with balanced scoring. Nilsson, of course, first identified himself to Edmonton fans as a member of Winnipeg Jets of the old World Hockey Association.

Season	Club	Lea	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
1974-75	Winnipeg	WHA	78	26	94	120	79
1975-76	Winnipeg	WHA	78	38	76	114	84
1976-77	Winnipeg	WHA	71	39	85	124	89
1977-78	Winnipeg	WHA	73	37	89	126	89
1978-79	N.Y. Rangers	NHL	59	27	39	66	21
	NHL Totals		**59**	**27**	**39**	**66**	**21**
	WHA Totals		**300**	**140**	**344**	**484**	**341**

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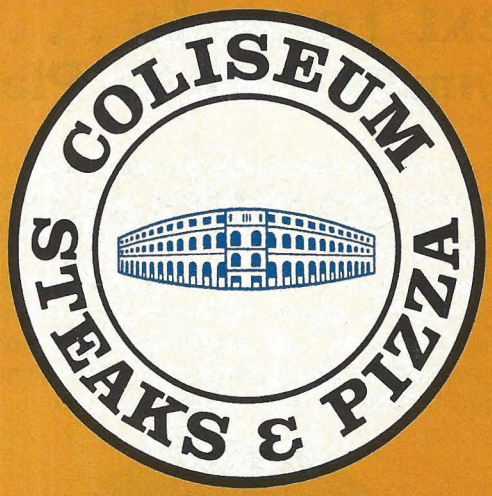

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Next Team In . . . Pittsburgh Penguins
Olympic Hero To Play Against Oilers

Edmonton Oilers fans get their first professional look at a new American hockey legend Friday night. That's when Olympic hero Mark Johnson visits the Coliseum with Pittsburgh Penguins.

He has played several games for the Penguins since his signing a day or so after the U.S. captured the 1980 gold medal at Lake Placid, Calif., and he has not achieved the heights predicted for him by the zealous Pittsburgh management, but in Pittsburgh Mark Johnson is a hero.

BAZ BASTIEN
. . . handled signing

Every time he steps off the bench, the fans go crazy. He's a speedy skater but perhaps a trifle small physically for the bumping and grinding he can anticipate in the NHL.

However, Johnson has clearly demonstrated that he lacks nothing in the way of courage, commitment and dedication.

He made his pro debut March 2 against New York Islanders. To reach that level, he scored five goals in the Olympics, including the winning goals against Czechoslovakia and Norway and two key goals in the 4-3 victory over the Soviet Union.

Perhaps he was even more spectacular against Finland, when he scored a shorthanded insurance goal after setting up the goal that put the U.S. in front to stay.

Johnson was drafted in 1977 by the Penguins in the fourth round of the amateur draft. He had just completed his freshman year at the University of Wisconsin and had helped lead his father's team to the championships in the Big Ten, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association and later to the National Collegiate Athletic Association titles, the first time one school had ever won all three titles.

Mark was voted the WCHA rookie of the year and his father, on the strength of a 37-7-1 record, was named coach of the year.

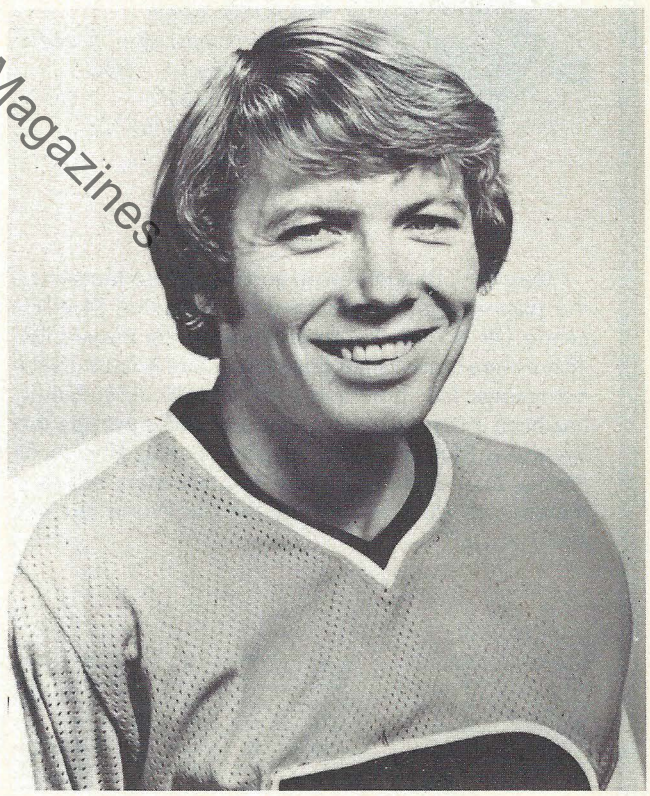
In 1977-78, Mark shared conference scoring honors with team-mate Mike Eaves and was named to the All-America team. The next year he finished second in scoring by one point, but again made the All-America team and was voted collegiate player of the year by The Hockey News.

In three years as a Badger, he scored 125 goals and 131 assists for 256 points, second-highest total in the school's history. Mike Eaves, currently with Minnesota North Stars, set the school record.

Mark holds the following school records: 90 points in one season; 48 goals in one season; 7 points in one game; 4 points in one period; goals in eight straight games; and he shares a record with injured Penguin Mike Meeker of scoring five goals in one game.

General Manager Baz Bastien, who handled the negotiations, would not reveal the terms of the contract, but said that both parties concerned were satisfied.

Johnson and his Olympic mates were accorded a major honor when they were named the recipients of the Lester Patrick Trophy, given annually for "outstanding service to hockey in the United States." The U.S. team received the award along with Bob Clarke, Fred Shero and Ed Snider.



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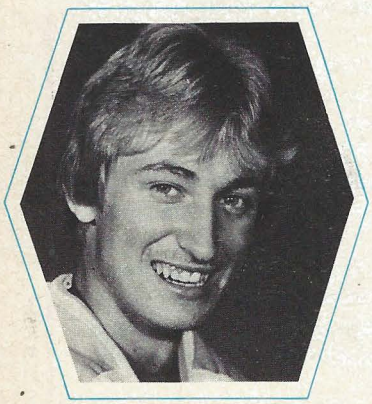
Players from the Oilers will be awarded five points every time they are chosen as a star by a media selection panel of a regular season game. The contest will be divided into five segments: October and November/December/January/February/March and April. Cash awards will be presented following each segment of the contest.

The first and second place finishers in these segments will receive $1,000.00 and $500.00 respectively.

The overall winner will be awarded the prestigious Molson Cup along with a check for $1,000.00. The overall runner-up will receive $500.00.

For all five segments, as well as the final standing, any ties for first or second place will be broken by choosing the player with the greatest number of first star selections.

Oilers general manager Larry Gordon expressed the organization's pleasure at having The Molson Cup as a key element in Edmonton's first NHL season. "The recognition of our players in a three-star competition that carries a significant benefit to them and to us, as well as being of keen interest to our fans, is one more indication of Edmonton's solid hockey tradition and bright hockey future."



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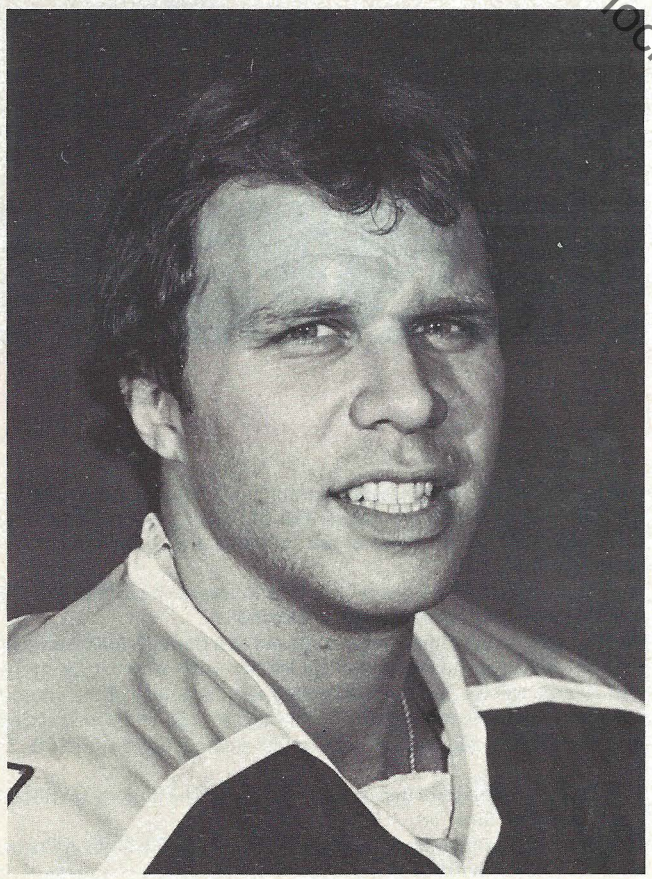

CAM CONNOR

. . . a foe now

Connor Rises From Trade To Try Again

By DICK CHUBEY
The Edmonton Sun

With lightning-quick fists that don't stop and bone-crunching body-checks that halt opponents in their tracks, Cam Connor has rattled a few chaps in his day.

However, the 6-foot-2, 200-pounder was almost brought to his knees last week by a voice over a radio station in Montreal.

"We interrupt this program to bring to you the following sports bulletin. Former Montreal Canadien Cam Connor was traded today to New York Rangers . . . "

Connor, in preparation for an Edmonton Oilers' practice, was taping a stick at the time. He calmly stopped what he was doing, placed the stick down and walked away. For him, there was to be no practice.

"I was sitting with Cam in the room when it happened," said defenceman Lee Fogolin, who teamed with Connor in Oiler tag-team wrestling matches against Dave Semenko and Mark Messier. "We were both shocked. Cripes, I went into the

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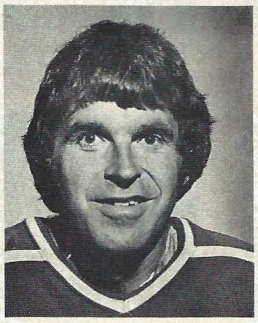

CFRN'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD

DAVE DRYDEN

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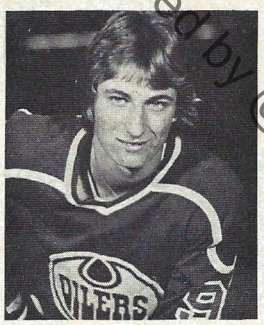

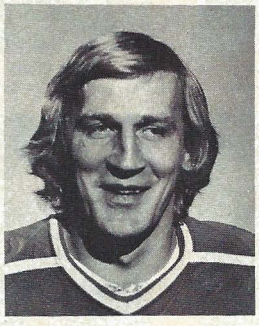

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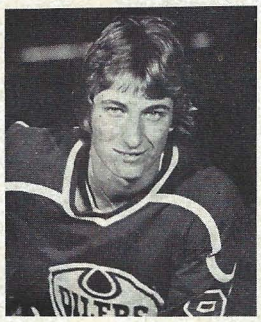

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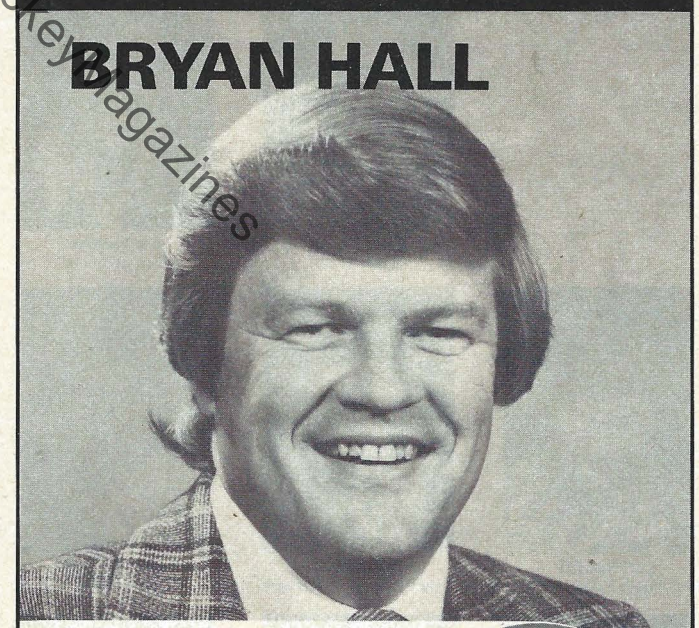

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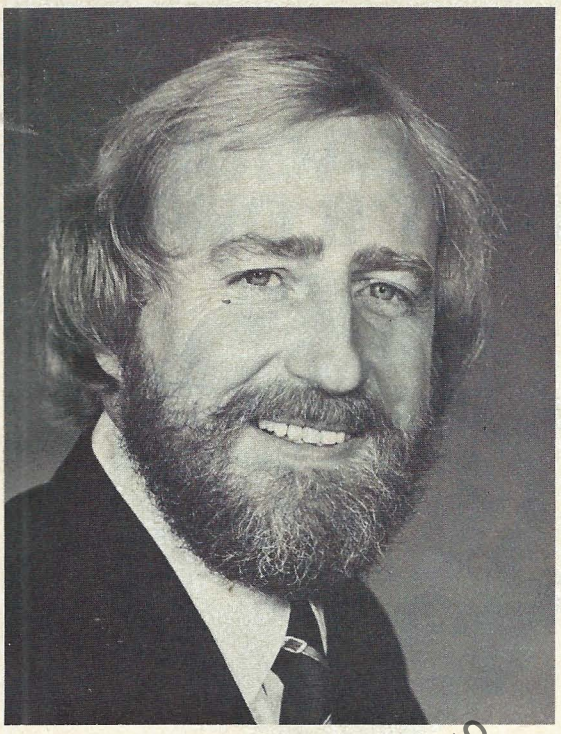

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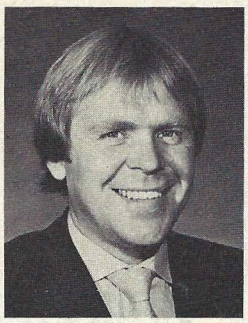

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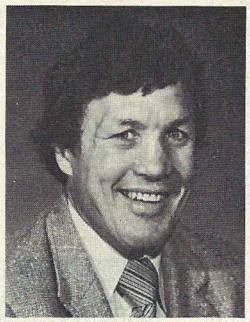

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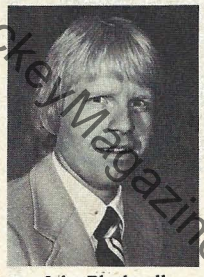

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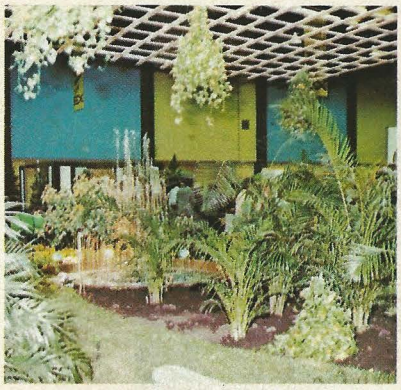

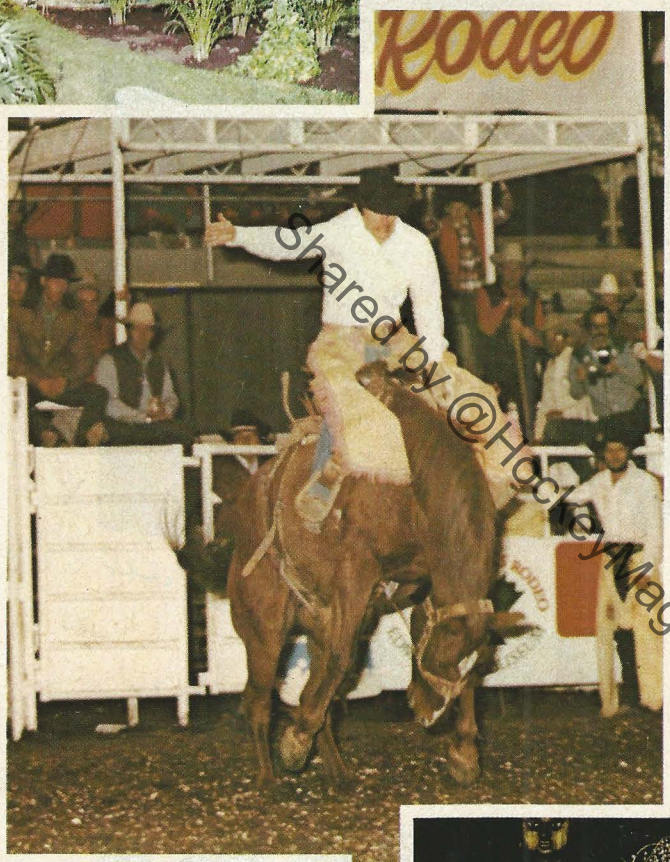

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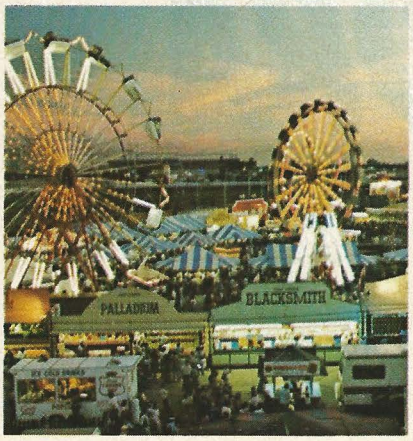

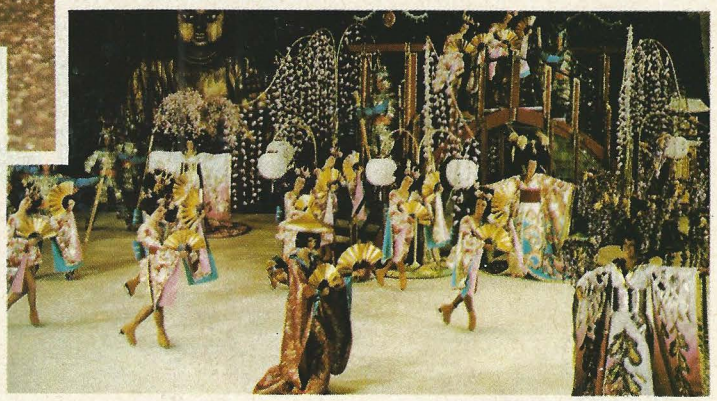

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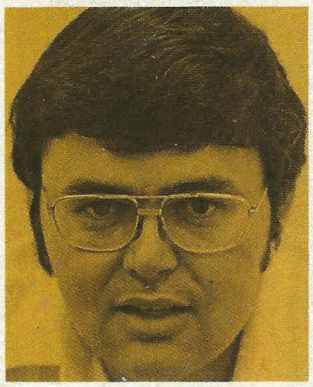

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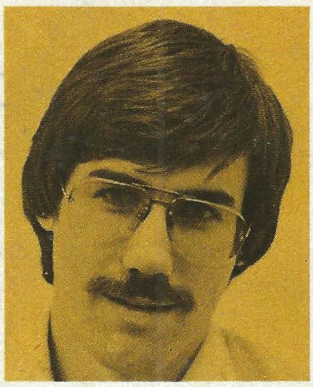

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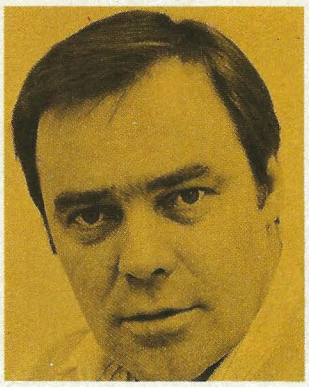

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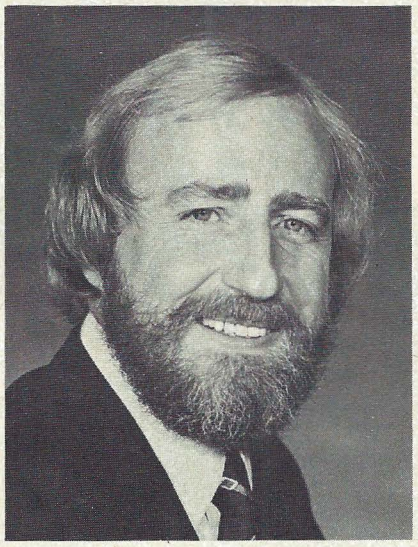

Peter Pocklington made a promise to himself when he first became owner of Edmonton Oilers: he promised to win a franchise for Edmonton in the National Hockey League.

This year, as fans throughout North America are aware, he kept his promise. The Oilers and three other former World Hockey Association franchises were welcomed to the NHL this summer. Pocklington was one of the key figures in negotiations leading to expansion.

The bearded entrepreneur spent much of his time working with general manager Larry Gordon and Glen Sather, coach and hockey operations director, to win the franchise and to make sure the organization is well-constructed from top to bottom.

He also had time to oversee the operations of Patrician Lands Corporation Ltd., Westown Ford, Gainers Meats Ltd. and his newest ventures Edmonton Drillers of the North American Soccer League. Pocklington stands as living proof of the adage that a busy man gets things done.

Pocklington considers his moves of the off-season two summers ago as the keys to the future of this thriving infant NHL franchise. He appointed Sather and Gordon in June, 1978, as vice-presidents with total responsibility in their separate but closely-related areas. The record (a first-place finish in the final WHA season and record attendances for the now-defunct league) show his decisions were good ones.

Pocklington's friends and associates consider him a builder, one who does not give up on a project until success is assured. He can be expected to stay closely involved with the Oilers' operation for as long as his business acumen is needed and for as long as it takes to make the Oilers as successful in the NHL as they became before the WHA folded.

Recognized as one of the most enthusiastic jet-boat racers in North America, Pocklington agreed during the off-season to end his active involvement. However, he remains intrigued by speed, as evidenced by his part owner ship (with actor Paul Newman) of two cars racing on an international road circuit.

The Oilers owner, 38, a self-made man who refuses to limit his horizons, says he can hardly wait until the Oilers win a Stanley Cup.

"That's why we're in this thing — to win. That's why people keep score. I know Edmonton's fans will be patient with us for a while because they know how big a job has been done in the last couple of seasons, but I feel we're competitive in our first year and there's no reason we won't keep improving.

"We've got good people throughout the Oilers organization. They know what they're doing. We're making all our current decisions with the future firmly in mind.

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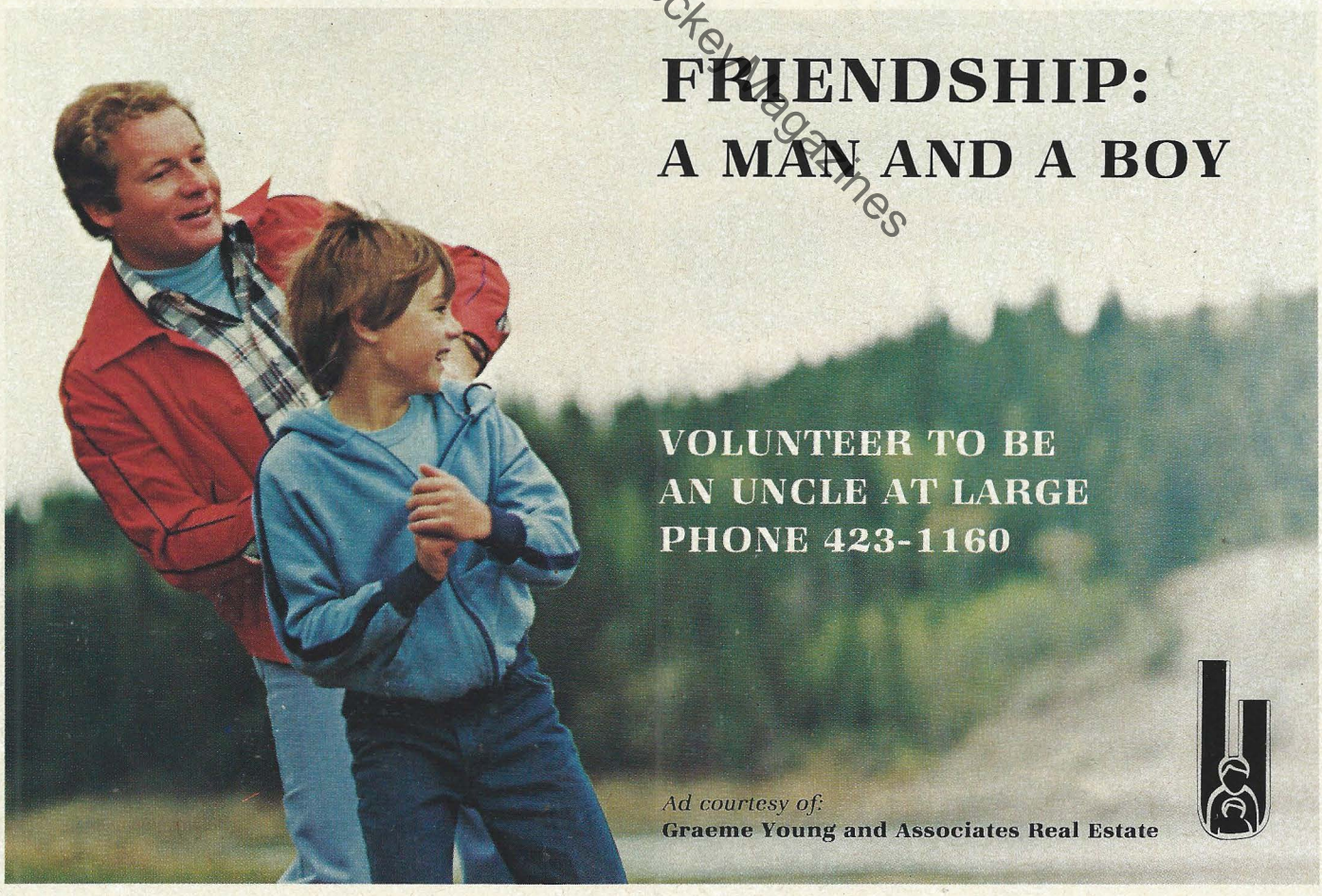

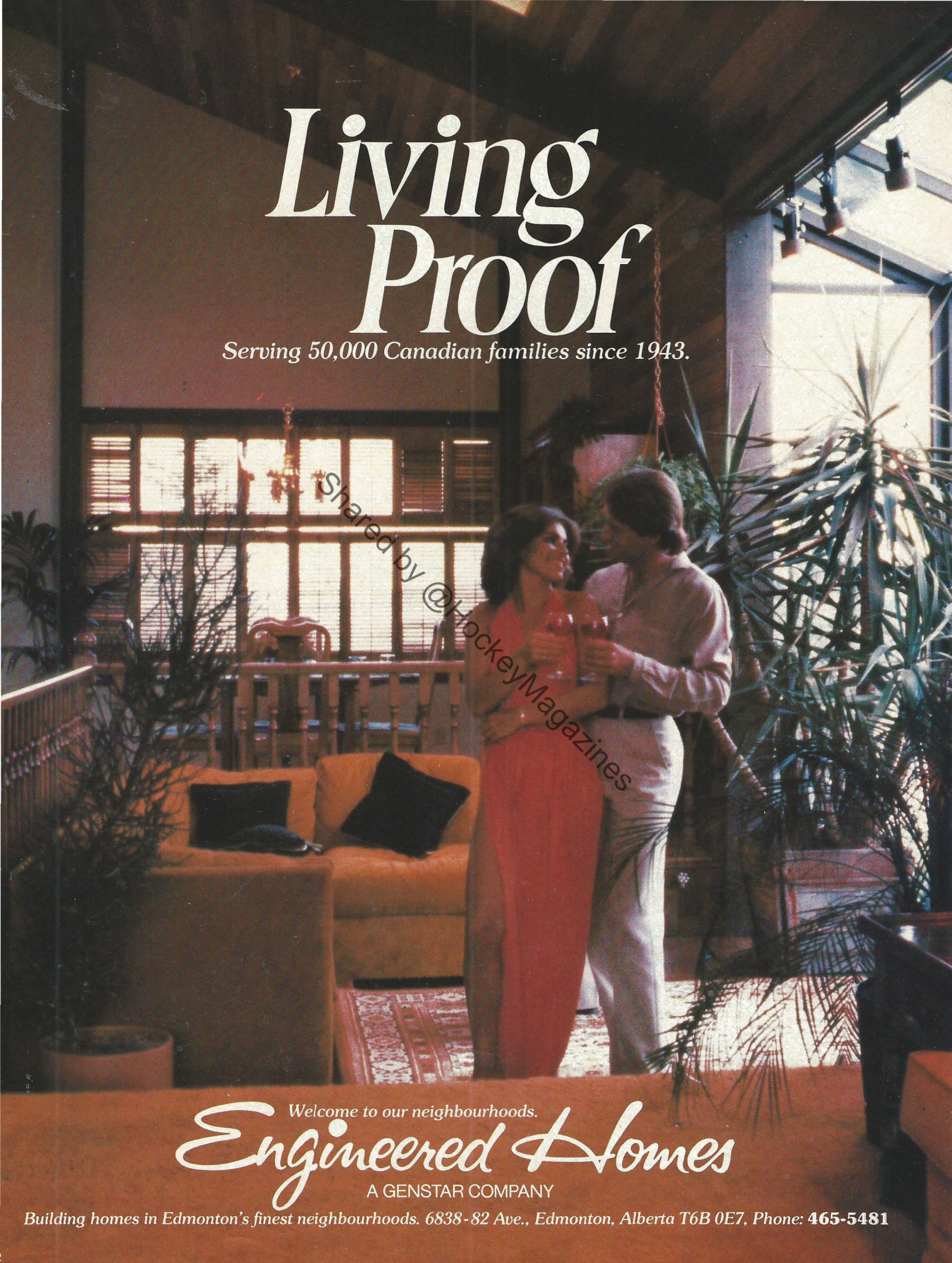
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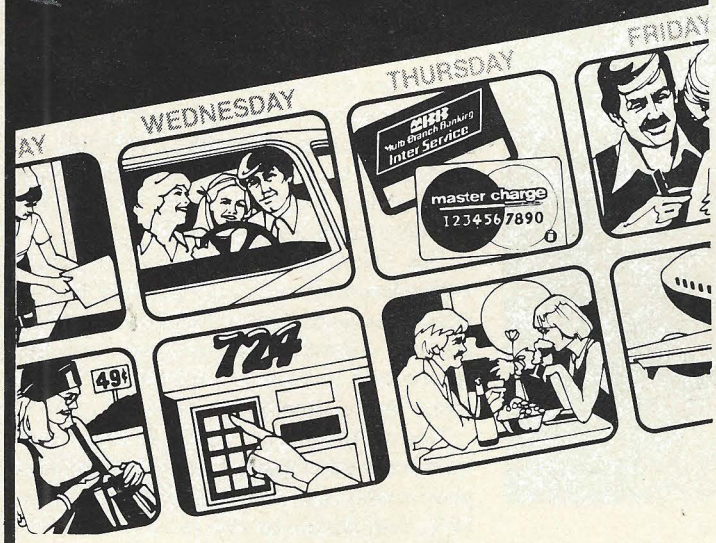

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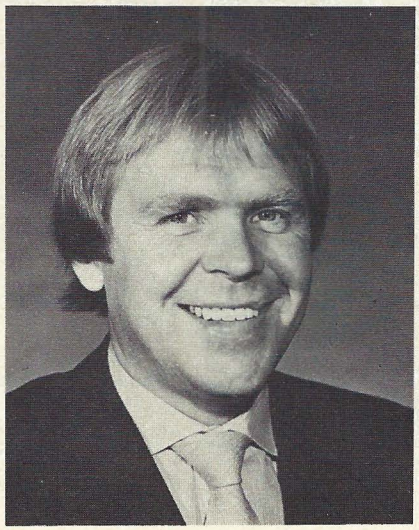

Glen Sather, 35, a National Hockey League player for 10 seasons in a career that ended three full seasons ago, is the youngest coach in the NHL as this season gets under way.

His youth is combined with experience because he entered the term with more than two years of head-coaching experience. Last year, his second as the on-ice boss of Edmonton's World Hockey Association franchise, he led the Oilers to the only first-place finish in their seven-year history.

In the previous year, he led the Oilers into a playoff berth after injuries ruined their regular-season championship hopes. His first experience came in the 1976-77 season when he replaced Bep Guidolin in January while continuing as a player. He scored a goal on his first shift after being given the new responsibilities and led Edmonton to an important and unexpected 9-6 triumph over Quebec Nordiques.

Sather, an off-season resident of Banff, Alta., in the Canadian Rockies about 90 miles west of Calgary owns a succesful lodge near his home. Whenever possible, he heads into the mountains for peace and quiet — but in the last few years, there's been little time.

Sather and his staff, like all others involved in the NHL expansion draft at Montreal this June, spent hundreds of hours studying every possible means of coming up with good players.

The coach — who has full responsibility for and control over hockey operations — is a tremendous worker.

He approaches his coaching responsibilities the same way he used to get ready as a player with Minnesota, Montreal, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Boston. His willingness as a player to do almost anything to help his team has carried over to his new career.

The Oilers came away from the June expansion draft and August's entry draft of junior players convinced they have a nucleus that will make them respectable in this first season and provide a solid foundation for future improvement.

"We've had a lot of inquiries about guys from some other teams," he said. "If we have people who can play for other teams in the NHL, they should be able to play for us. The only way to find out is to give everybody a chance."

Two seasons ago, when the Oilers were stricken by injuries and were forced to beg for assistance, Sather learned a lesson. This year, he applied his knowledge: he established a full affiliation, the first in Edmonton's history, with a major-league team.

"We can send our young players to Houston of the Central League," Sather said. "It helps everybody, because we'll have a chance to find out who fits our system and young guys will have a chance to develop where we can keep an eye on them."

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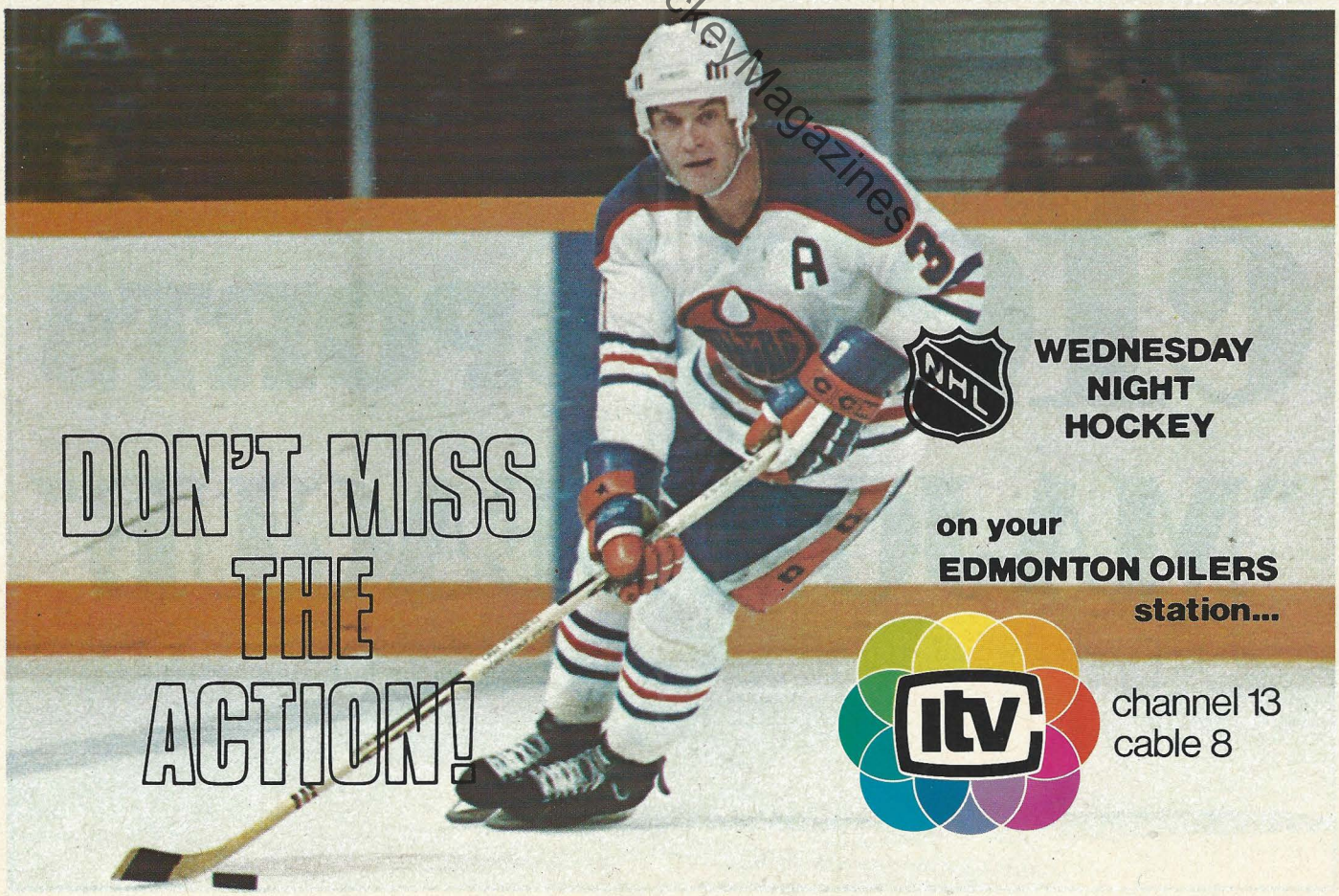

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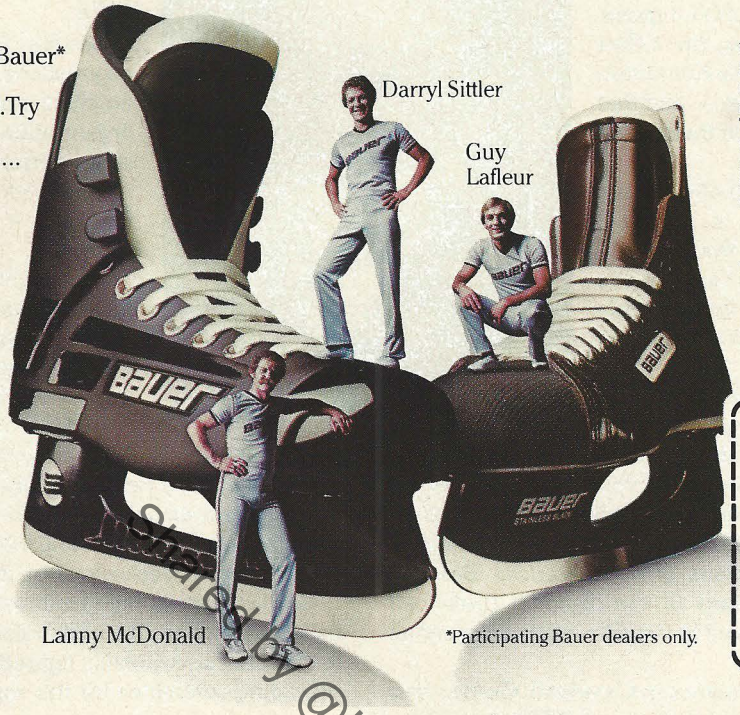

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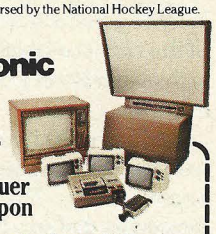

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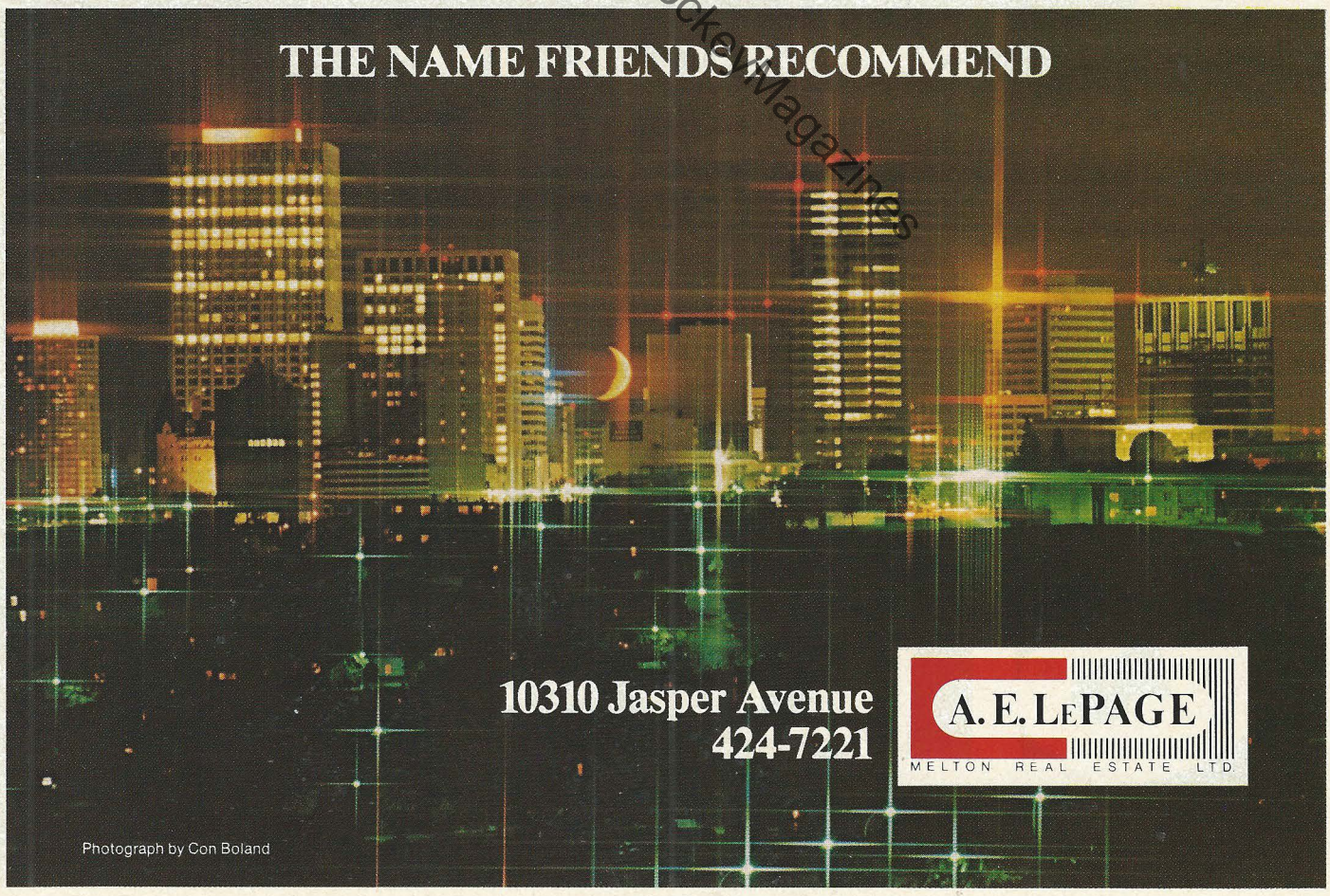

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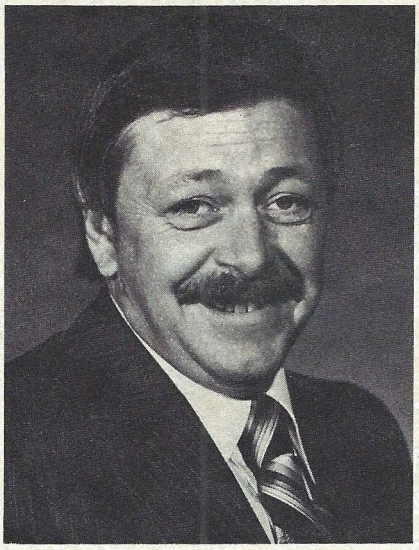

Two seasons ago, Edmonton Oilers drew an average attendance of 10,222 for their home games in what was then the World Hockey Association. Last year, the average increased by almost exactly 1,000 a game. This year, as everyone knows, the Oilers have sold all 15,248 seats in the Edmonton Coliseum — plus standing room — and that season-ticket base makes it clear there won't be an unsold seat all season.

Selling tickets, plus the myriad other details involved in marketing of a National Hockey League franchise, are the responsibility of general manager Larry Gordon, one of the two vice-presidents who works closely with owner Peter Pocklington in operation of the team.

Gordon was hired by the Oilers after filling various functions in other professional sports organizations. The native of Bancroft, Ont., worked in the properties division of Boston Bruins in 1967. Five years later, he joined Cleveland Crusaders of the WHA as director of marketing.

At that time, he caught the eye of Nick Mileti, who controlled the Crusaders, Cleveland Indians of the American Baseball League and Cleveland Cavaliers of the National Basketball Association. Gordon got involved in virtually every aspect of all those operations.

On the strength of his performance in Cleveland, Gordon was named executive vice-president in charge of WHA properties and shifted his operations to the league office in Toronto. In 1977, he was appointed WHA executive director and he held the job one season before joining the Oilers in June, 1978.

Besides his involvement in expansion negotiations, Gordon's major pre-season function was to build a solid marketing organization. The six-member marketing staff's performance so far gives the general manager —known as "Genial" by Edmonton's reporters — reason to be pleased with his selections.

Gordon, obviously, is mainly involved in financial aspects of the new NHL franchise. "One of my prime responsibilities is to manage the overall operation of the club so a profitable bottom line is assured," he says.

Gordon negotiated the five-game pre-season package and has assured Edmonton fans a top Russian team will be here for an exhibition game early in January. It was as an international negotiator that he gained much of his prominence; he set up valuable international games with the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Finland last season.

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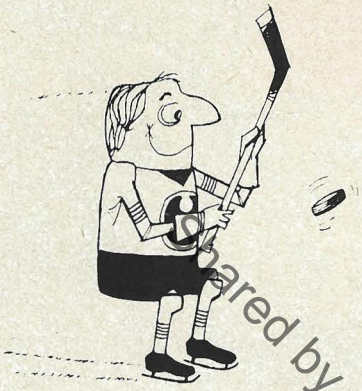

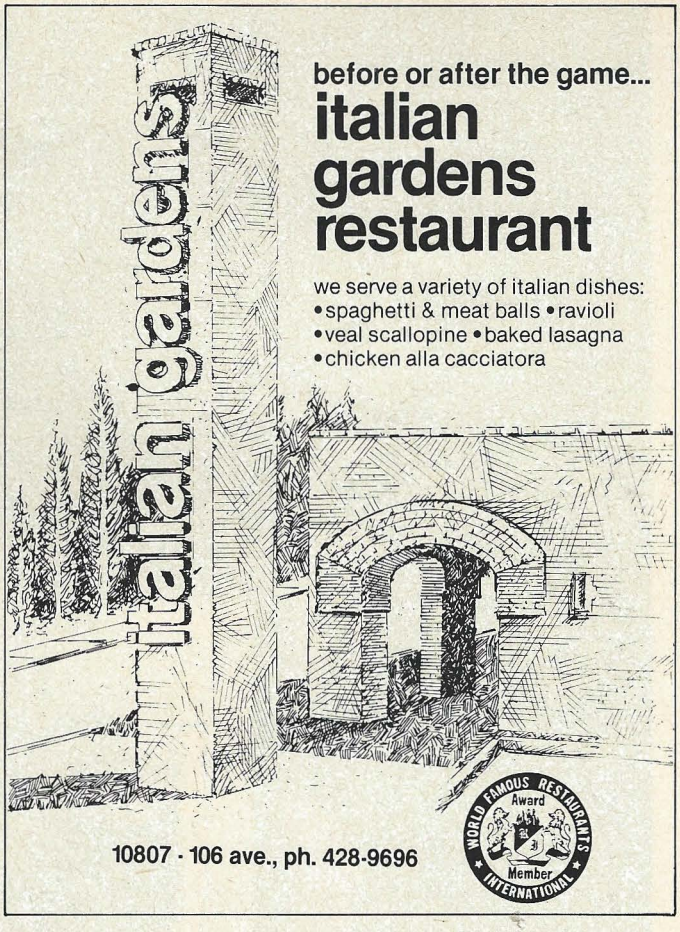

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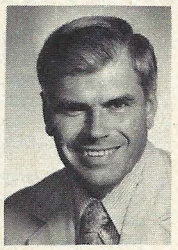
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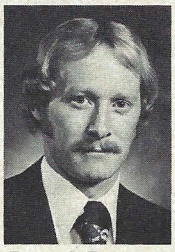
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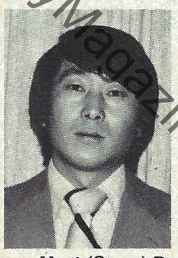
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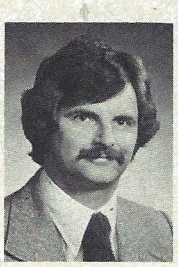
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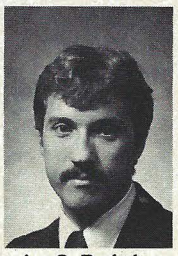
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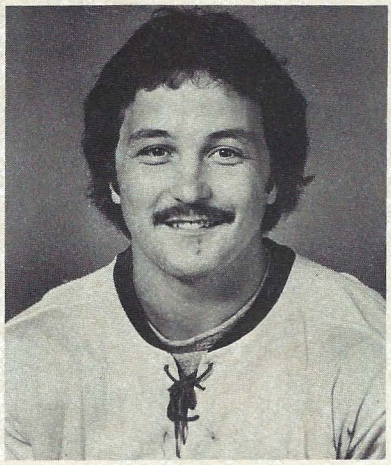

1978-79
BRYAN TROTTIER
New York Islanders

MASTERTON TROPHY

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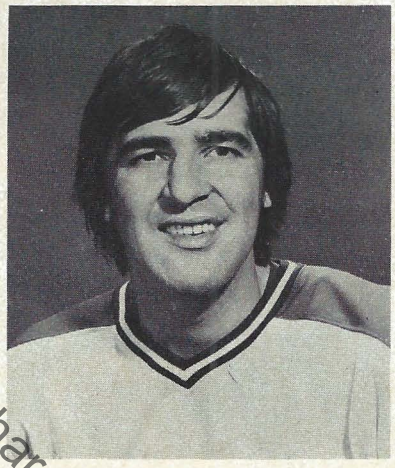

1978 - 79
SERGE SAVARD
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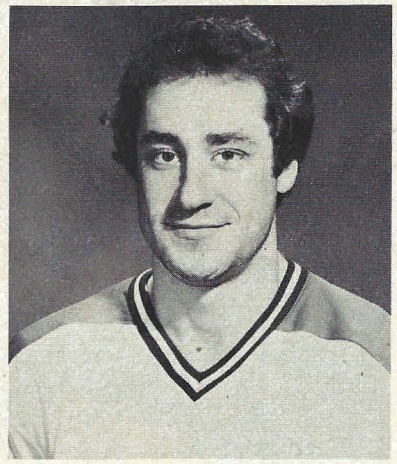
The Frank Selke Trophy is awarded to the man recognized as the best defensive player among NHL forwards.



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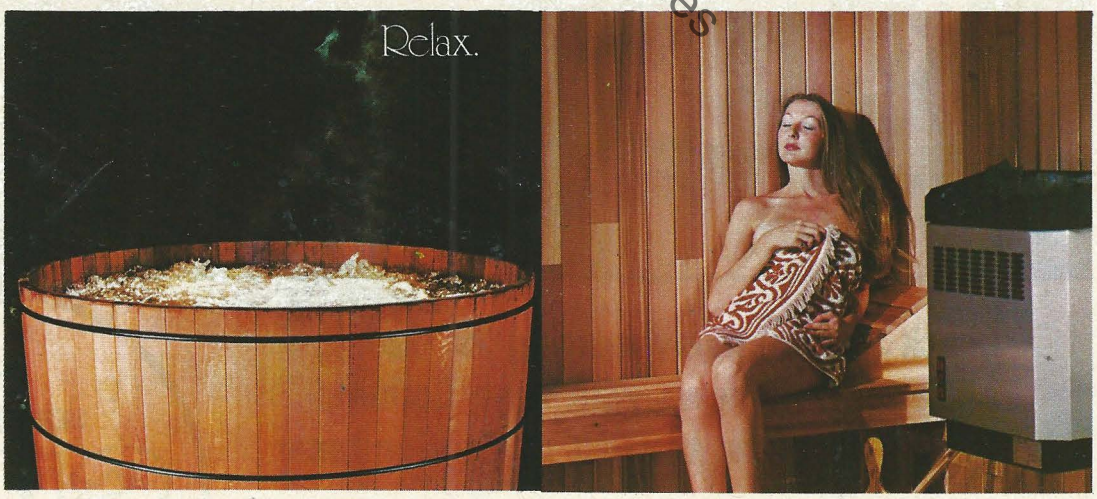

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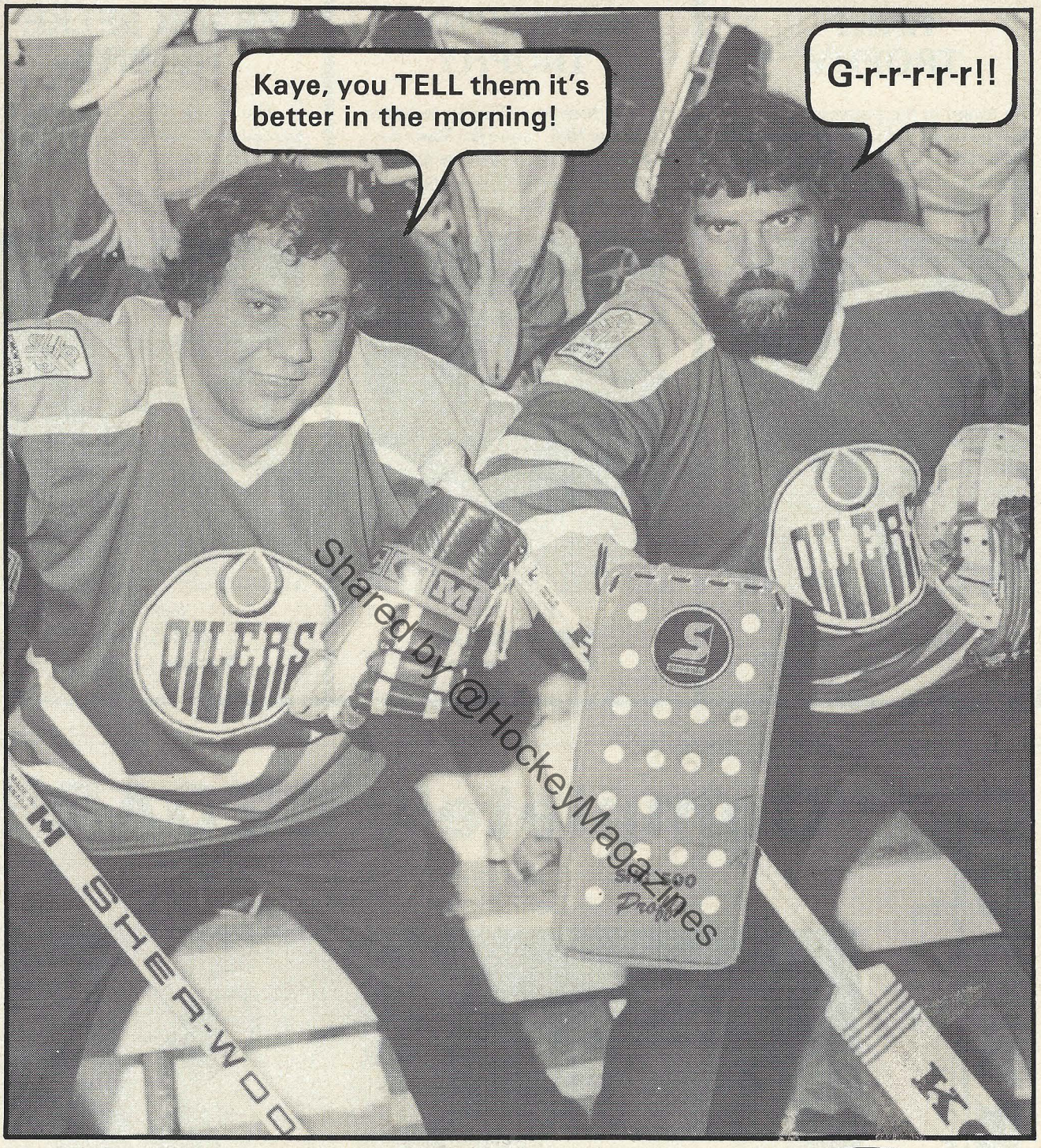

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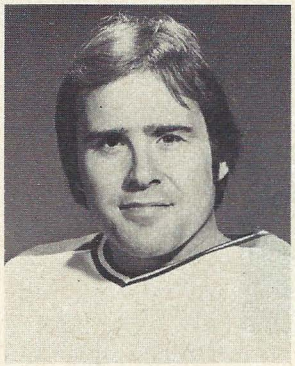

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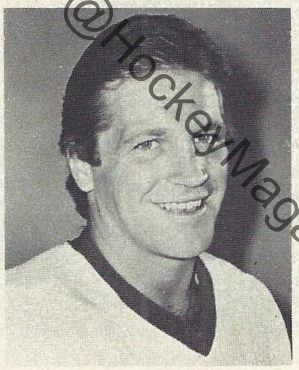

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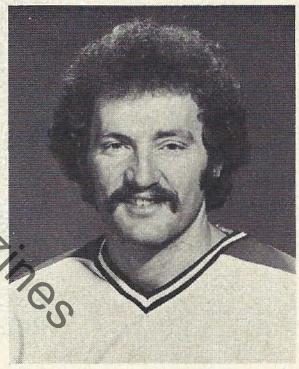

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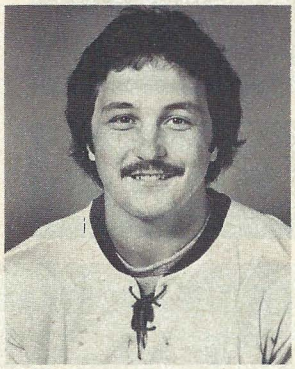

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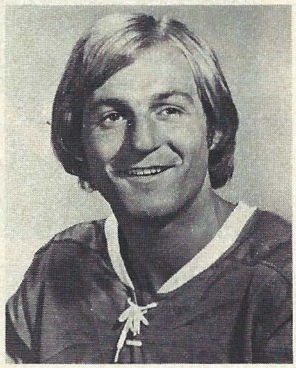

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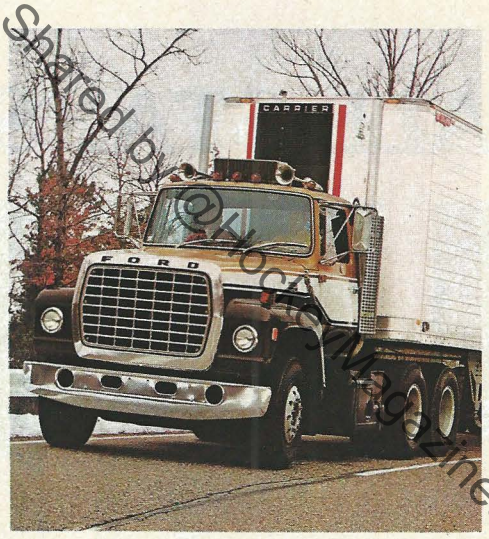

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Edmonton's brilliant young centre, Wayne Gretzky, scoots past wandering St. Louis goaltender Mike Liut in a recent National Hockey League game. St. Louis took seven of a possible eight points from the Oilers this season.

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Name the last team these players were with before they retired from the NHL as active players.

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2. Phil Goyette	B Boston
3. Bep Guidolin	C Buffalo
4. Vic Hadfield	D Chicago
5. Murray Hall	E Colorado
6. Ted Harris	F Detroit
7. Doug Harvey	G New York Islanders
8. Billy Hicke	H Los Angeles
9. Larry Hillman	I Minnesota
10. Bronco Horvath	J Montreal
11. Harry Howell	K Philadelphia
12. Dennis Hull	L Pittsburgh
13. Skip Krake	M New York Rangers
14. Al (Junior) Langlois	N St. Louis
15. Tony Leswick	O Toronto
16. Eddie Litzenberger	P Vancouver
17. Len Lunde	Q Washington
18. Donnie Marshall	R Oakland

Answers on page 75.

*** How Much Do You Know About The Oilers And The National Hockey League?**

University of Alberta Golden Bears Capture Third Straight National Title

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By Richard Finnigan

The Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Unions's tournament for The University Cup, emblematic of the country's college hockey crown had all the makings of The Teddy Bears' picnic last weekend.

The only problems was that the Teddy Bears weren't even supposed to be there.

The Dinosaurs, pre-historic denizens of Calgary had been invited following their domination of the University of Alberta Golden Bears in pre-tournament playdowns.

It was not until Regina's win over the University of Brandon that the U of A team squeaked into the tournament at Regina that was to decide the University hockey title.

Wild card re-berth or not, the Bears were full value, especially in their 7-3 final game victory over their Regina hosts. The Bears placed three on the first all-start team, goaltender Ted Poplawski, defenceman and team captain Larry Riggin and forward Chris Hellon.

In capturing their sixth national title (third straight) the Bears were notably without the services of Canadian National Olympic team forwards Kevin Primeau and Dave Hindmarch. Both players have indicated they may exercise their options to return to the Bears rather than sign professional contracts.

The team also was without the services of Clare Drake who took a one-year sabbatical to coach the national squad along with University of Toronto coach Tom Watt.

Considering that next year's team should be even stronger it's pretty hard to imagine anything preventing them from going four straight in the national championship.

At the very least, their performance isn't a bad one for a team that wasn't even supposed to be in this year's version.

Even if we were restricted to the fingers of one hand to tally the gutsy performances on Coliseum Ice this year, we would still have to count that of Sharon Braun among them.

Performing as a human pitch-pipe to 15,000-plus fans may be a snap job in countries other than this one, but in Edmonton, with the Montreal Canadiens as visitors, the job is otherwise.

At the first Canadiens' visit, Sharon was roundly booed as she began, "O Canada, Terre de nos aieux . . . "

I am one convinced that more than anything, Sharon's composure under the circumstances turned the situation around, to the point that when the Canadiens visited again last Saturday night, the boos generally had turned to spontaneous applause. Those catcalls there were, were half-hearted at best.

EDMONTON OILERS
STATISTICS TO MARCH 19, 1980

NO.	NAMES	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	GWG	GTG
99	Wayne Gretzky	71	42	74	116	19	13	1	5	3
14	Blair MacDonald	72	41	42	83	4	12	2	5	1
21	Stan Weir	71	31	29	60	30	3	1	2	2
18	Brett Callighen	58	23	34	57	72	7	0	0	2
20	Dave Lumley	72	18	35	53	125	1	0	6	0
47	Don Murdoch	59	25	19	44	18	5	1	2	1
12	Dave Hunter	71	9	28	37	84	1	2	1	0
5	Doug Hicks	70	8	29	37	46	5	2	0	0
8	Risto Siltanen	63	6	29	35	26	1	0	0	0
11	Mark Messier	67	11	18	29	114	0	1	1	1
26	Pat Price	67	9	18	27	128	2	0	0	1
3	Al Hamilton	23	4	13	17	18	1	0	0	0
4	Kevin Lowe	56	2	15	17	64	2	0	0	0
27	Dave Semenko	61	5	6	11	126	1	0	1	0
6	Colin Campbell	64	1	9	10	178	0	0	0	0
2	Lee Fogolin	72	4	5	9	92	0	0	0	0
19	Don Ashby	21	3	4	7	4	2	0	0	0
24	Peter Driscoll	33	1	5	6	37	0	0	0	1
9	Kari Makkonen	9	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
30	Ron Low	18	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
31	Ed Mio	33	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0
15	Wayne Bianchin	4	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0

GOALTENDERS STATISTICS		GPI	MINS.	GA	EN	SO	AVE.	W	L	T
31	Ed Mio	33	1701	120	2	1	4.23	9	13	5
30	Ron Low	18	1008	65	0	0	3.87	7	8	2

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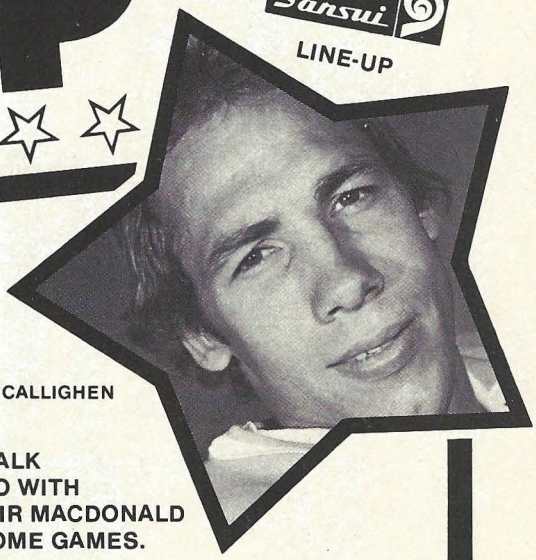

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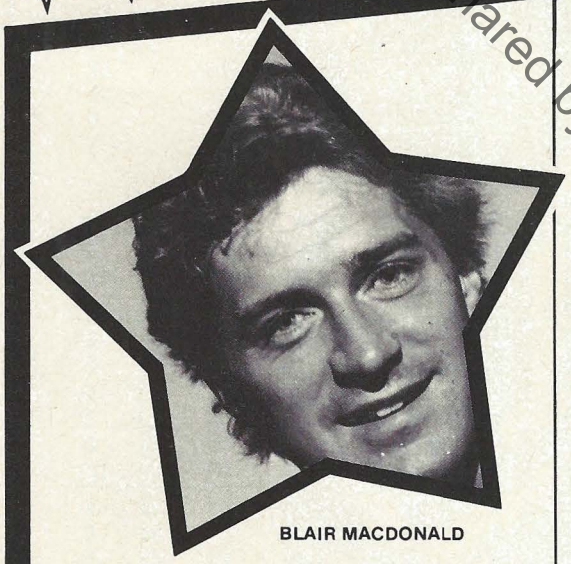

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PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
MARCEL DIONNE	Los Angeles	72	51	75	126	28	17
WAYNE GRETZKY	**Edmonton**	**71**	**42**	**74**	**116**	**19**	**13**
GUY LAFLEUR	Montreal	65	47	66	113	8	14
BRYAN TROTTIER	NY Islanders	69	35	58	93	64	14
GIL PERREAULT	Buffalo	70	33	58	91	53	10
CHARLIE SIMMER	Los Angeles	56	49	39	88	63	18
PIERRE LAROUCHE	Montreal	68	48	37	85	14	12
AL MACADAM	Minnesota	69	39	45	84	17	13
DARRYL SITTLER	Toronto	62	36	48	84	49	15
MIKE BOSSY	NY Islanders	68	50	33	83	10	16
BLAIR MACDONALD	**Edmonton**	**72**	**41**	**42**	**83**	**4**	**12**
MIKE ROGERS	Hartford	69	38	45	83	10	3
BLAINE STOUGHTON	Hartford	69	45	37	82	16	14
DAVE TAYLOR	Los Angeles	53	34	48	82	62	10
BERNIE FEDERKO	St. Louis	69	31	50	81	24	4
STEVE SHUTT	Montreal	68	39	41	80	26	15
RICK MIDDLETON	Boston	71	34	43	77	24	7
KENT NILSSON	Atlanta	68	32	45	77	6	12
DANNY GARE	Buffalo	66	46	30	76	84	15
STEVE PAYNE	Minnesota	69	38	38	76	38	13
REAL CLOUTIER	Quebec	61	35	39	74	10	12
JEAN RATELLE	Boston	66	28	45	73	8	14
BOBBY SMITH	Minnesota	50	22	50	72	17	9
MARK HOWE	Hartford	66	21	51	72	18	5

GOALTENDERS STATISTICS		GPI	MINS.	GA	EN	SO	AVE.	W	L	T
Bob Sauve	Buffalo	27	1580	66	1	4	2.51	17	8	2
Don Edwards	Buffalo	44	2620	14	1	2	2.61	24	9	10
BUFFALO	**TOTAL**	70	4200	182		6	2.60	41	17	12
Gilles Gilbert	Boston	33	1933	88	1	1	2.73	20	9	3
Gerry Cheevers	Boston	34	2026	94	3	4	2.78	19	9	6
Marco Baron	Boston	1	40	2	0	0	3.00	0	0	0
Yves Belanger	Boston	5	241	15	0	0	3.73	1	0	3
Jim Stewart	Boston	1	20	5	0	0	15.00	0	1	0
BOSTON	**TOTAL**	71	4260	208		5	2.93	40	19	12
Denis Herron	Montreal	30	1669	71	1	0	2.55	23	3	1
Richard Sevigny	Montreal	11	632	31	3	0	2.94	5	4	2
Michel Larocque	Montreal	34	1959	109	0	3	3.34	15	13	5
MONTREAL	**TOTAL**	71	4260	215		3	3.03	43	20	8
Tony Esposito	Chicago	60	3600	175	5	6	2.92	27	19	14
Mike Veisor	Chicago	10	600	32	2	0	3.20	3	4	3
CHICAGO	**TOTAL**	70	4200	214		6	3.06	30	23	17
Rick St. Croix	Philadelphia	1	60	2	0	0	2.00	1	0	0
Pete Peeters	Philadelphia	34	2033	89	1	1	2.63	26	3	5
Phil Myre	Philadelphia	36	2107	121	1	0	3.45	18	5	12
PHILADELPHIA	**TOTAL**	70	4200	214		1	3.06	45	8	17
Glen Resch	NY Islanders	40	2306	114	1	3	2.97	19	14	5
Bill Smith	NY Islanders	34	1874	99	4	2	3.17	14	14	4
Richard Brodeur	NY Islanders	2	80	6	0	0	4.50	1	0	0
NY ISLANDERS	**TOTAL**	71	4260	224		5	3.15	34	28	9
Jim Craig	Atlanta	2	120	3	0	0	1.50	1	0	1
Dan Bouchard	Atlanta	45	2622	133	5	2	3.04	20	15	10
Pat Riggin	Atlanta	22	1188	63	0	2	3.18	10	8	1
Rejean Lemelin	Atlanta	3	150	15	0	0	6.00	0	2	0
ATLANTA	**TOTAL**	68	4080	219		4	3.22	31	25	12

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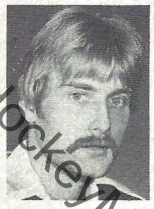

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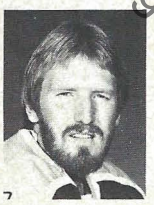

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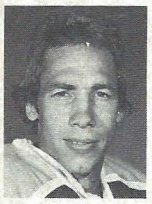

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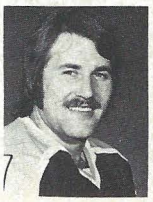

Kari Makkonen (RW)

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No.	PLAYER	P	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	BIRTHPLACE
2	LEE FOGOLIN	D	6-0	204	2-7-55	Chicago, Ill.
3	AL HAMILTON	D	6-2	210	8-20-46	Flin Flon, Man.
4	KEVIN LOWE	D	6-2	197	4-15-59	Hawkesbury, Ont.
5	DOUG HICKS	D	6-1	185	6-29-55	Cold Lake, Alta.
6	COLIN CAMPBELL	D	5-9	190	1-28-53	London, Ont.
8	RISTO SILTANEN	D	5-9	180	10-31-58	Mantta, Finland
9	KARI MAKKONEN	RW	6-0	190	1-20-56	Pori, Finland
11	MARK MESSIER	LW	6-1	190	1-18-61	Edmonton, Alta.
12	DAVE HUNTER	LW-RW	5-11	195	1-1-58	Petrolia, Ont.
14	BLAIR MacDONALD	RW	5-10	180	11-17-53	Cornwall, Ont.
15	WAYNE BIANCHIN	LW	5-10	180	9-6-53	Nanaimo, B.C.
18	BRETT CALLIGHEN	LW	5-11	172	5-15-53	Toronto, Ont.
19	DON ASHBY	C-LW	6-0	185	3-8-55	Kamloops, B.C.,
20	DAVE LUMLEY	RW	6-1	185	9-1-54	Toronto, Ont.
21	STAN WEIR	C	6-1	180	3-17-52	Ponoka, Alta.
24	PETER DRISCOLL	RW-LW	6-0	190	10-27-54	Kingston, Ont.
26	PAT PRICE	D	6-2	200	3-24-55	Nelson, B.C.
27	DAVE SEMENKO	LW	6-3	215	7-12-57	Winnipeg, Man.
47	DON MURDOCH	RW	5-11	180	10-25-56	Cranbrook, B.C.
99	WAYNE GRETZKY	C	5-11	170	1-26-61	Brantford, Ont.
GOALTENDERS						
30	RON LOW	G	6-1	205	6-21-50	Birtle, Man.
31	ED MIO	G	5-10	180	1-31-54	Windsor, Ont.

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4	RON GRESCHNER	D	6-2	185	12-22-54	Goodsoil, Sask.
5	CAROL VADNAIS	D	6-1	210	9-25-45	Montreal, Que.
6	TIM BOTHWELL	D	6-3	195	5-6-55	Vancouver, B.C.
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11	ULF NILSSON	C	5-11	176	5-11-50	Nynashamn, Sweden
12	DON MALONEY	LW	6-1	190	9-5-58	Lindsay, Ont.
15	ANDERS HEDBERG	RW	5-11	175	2-25-51	Ornskoldsvik, Sweden
17	ED JOHNSTONE	RW	5-9	175	3-2-54	Brandon, Man.
18	WALT TKACZUK	C	6-0	190	9-29-47	Emsdetten, Germany
19	DEAN TALAFOUS	LW	6-4	190	8-25-53	Duluth, Minn.
20	CAM CONNOR	LW	6-2	200	8-10-54	Winnipeg, Man.
24	WARREN MILLER	RW	5-11	180	1-1-54	South St. Paul, Minn.
25	MARIO MAROIS	D	5-11	170	12-15-57	Ancienne Lorette, Que.
26	DAVE MALONEY	D	6-1	195	7-31-56	Kitchener, Ont.
29	RAY MARKHAM	RW	6-3	218	1-23-58	Windsor, Ont.
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Oilers vs. NEW YORK RANGERS

Date 1980 03 19 Attendance

Referee KILLER Linesmen KNOX SCAPANELLO

Pos.	No.	OILERS	Shots	No.	Visitors	Shots
G	30	LOW ~~MIO~~		30	DAVIDSON	
D	2	FOGOLIN		26	MALONEY	
D	5	HICKS		5	VADNAIS	
LW	12	HUNTER		8	VICKERY	
C	21	WEIR		11	NILSON	
RW	20	LUMLEY		15	HEDBERG	
D	8	SILTANEN		9	SULIVAN	
	9	MAKKONEN		24	MILLAR	
	18	CALLIGHEN				
				17	ESPOSITO	

Goal No.	Per.	Time	Team	Scored By	Assist
1	2	11:39	NY	DUGUAY	VICKERY NILSSON
2	3	1:38	OIL	ASHBY	HAMILTON LUMLEY ~~GRETZKY~~
3	3	3:35	NY	MARTIN	ESPOSITO, BOTULL
4	3	13:16	OIL	PRICE	MESSIER ASHBY
5	3	14:38	OIL	MACDONALD	GRETZKY HAMILTON
6	3	19:41	OIL	HUNTER	
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Penalties

Per.	Player	Team	Min.	Offense	Time Off	Time On
1	HUNTER ~~PRICE~~	OIL	2:00	HOOKING	4:29	
1	NILSSON	NY	2:00	ROUGHING	11:07	
1	LOWE	OIL	2:00	ROUGHING	11:07	
1	VADNAIS	NY	5:00	FIGHTING	20:00	
1	LUMLEY	OIL	5:00	FIGHTING	20:00	
2	GRESHNER	NY	2:00	TRIPPING	12:56	
3	DUGUAY	NY	2:00	HOOKING	4:08	
3	JEMENKO	NY	2:00	CHARGING	12:10	
3	MARTIN	NY	2:00	TOO MANY MEN	13:25	
3	LUMLEY	OIL	2:00	TRIPPING	15:30	

Shots on Goal

Team	1	2	3	Total
RANGERS	12	13/25		
OILERS	7	4/11		

Scoring

Team	1	2	3	Total
RANGERS	0	1/1		
OILERS	0	0/0		

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NEW YORK RANGERS STATISTICS TO MARCH 18, 1980

NO.	NAMES	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	GWG	GTG
15	Anders Hedberg	70	32	35	67	17	7	0	4	0
77	Phil Esposito	70	30	37	67	65	12	0	5	2
12	Don Maloney	69	21	41	62	89	6	1	2	1
3	Barry Beck	61	12	47	59	102	4	0	3	2
8	Steve Vickers	65	25	31	56	29	10	0	2	1
11	Ulf Nilsson	40	12	39	51	16	4	0	1	1
4	Ron Greschner	66	18	31	49	81	6	1	3	1
10	Ron Duguay	63	24	22	46	35	3	2	1	0
18	Walt Tkaczuk	67	11	24	35	30	4	2	2	0
17	Eddie Johnstone	68	13	19	32	58	0	0	3	0
26	Dave Maloney	67	12	20	32	173	3	0	0	0
25	Mario Marois	69	8	22	30	132	1	0	1	0
5	Carol Vadnais	59	3	19	22	107	1	0	1	0
20	Cam Connor	41	7	13	20	159	0	0	0	0
19	Dean Talafous	45	6	14	20	22	2	0	0	0
24	Warren Miller	51	6	5	11	17	0	0	3	0
9	Doug Sulliman	29	4	7	11	2	1	0	0	0
6	Tim Bothwell	37	3	5	8	18	0	0	2	0
30	John Davidson	32	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
29	Ray Markham	7	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
35	Steve Baker	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

GOALTENDERS STATISTICS		GPI	MINS.	GA	EN	SO	AVE.	W	L	T
30	John Davidson	32	1826	91	1	2	2.99	17	10	3
35	Steve Baker	24	1271	71	1	1	3.35	9	7	6
	Wayne Thomas	12	668	44	2	0	3.95	4	7	0
	Doug Soetaert	8	435	33	0	0	4.55	5	2	0

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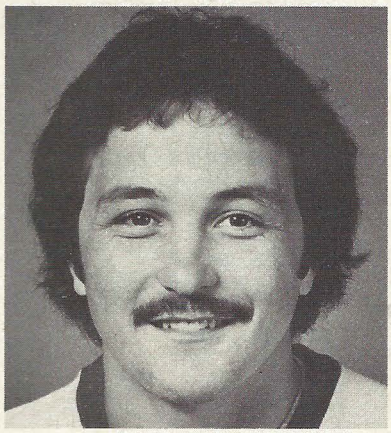

1978-79 Winner
BRYAN TROTTIER
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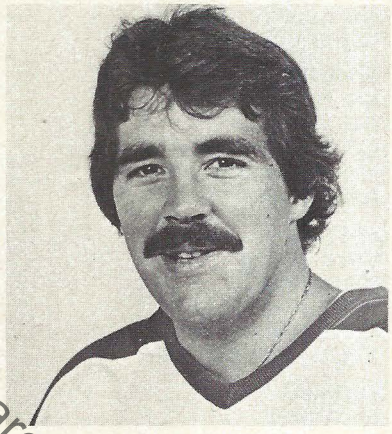

1978-79 Winner
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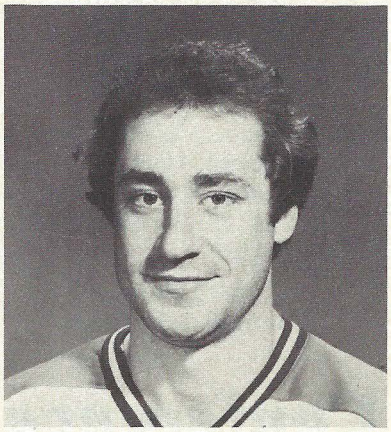

1978-89
BOB GAINEY
Montreal Canadiens

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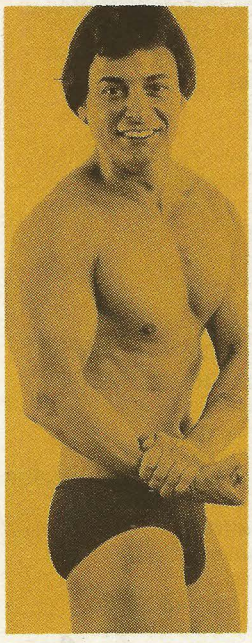

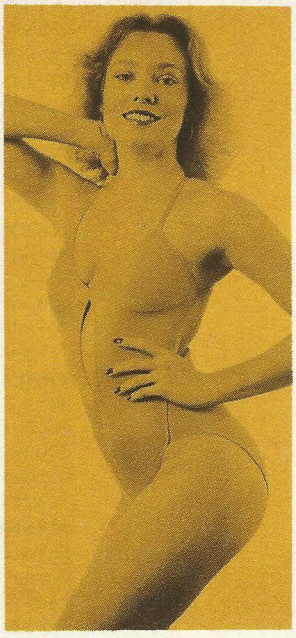

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1977-78	New York Islanders
1978-79	New York Islanders

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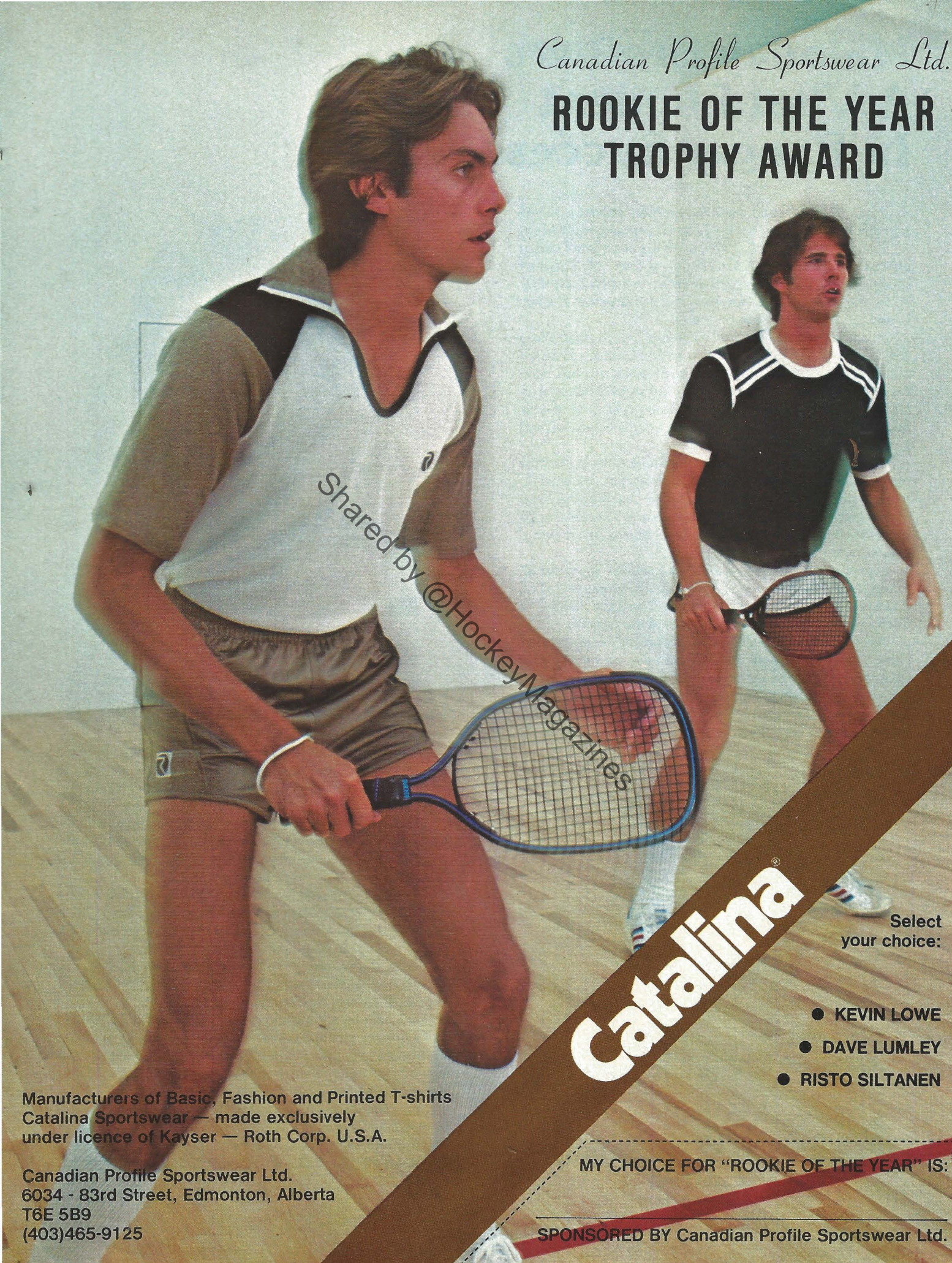

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Maloney Brothers A Vital Element In Ranger Success

It had been 12 years since the brothers Maloney played together in a real game, but the wait was certainly worthwhile.

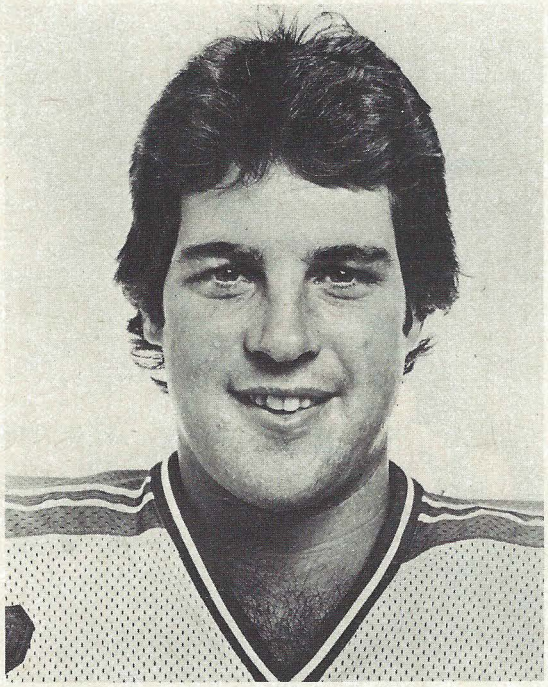
The date was Feb. 14, 1979, at Madison Square Garden against the Boston Bruins. Don Maloney, then only 20 years-of-age, got the call to join brother Dave on the Rangers after half a year's seasoning at New Haven of the American Hockey League. And, what a reunion it was.

Just five minutes into the first period, coach Fred Shero sent young Don over the boards with Phil Esposito at centre and Don Murdoch on the right side. Fouteen seconds later, the puck was in the net, and Maloney had his first NHL goal on his first NHL shot. Forty-six seconds after that, Don had his first NHL assist as he shovelled the puck to Esposito who fired it past goalie Gilles Gilbert.

Don went on to become one of the Rangers' most effective players over the last part of the 1978-79 season, and went on to even greater heights during the Stanley Cup Playoffs. In 18 playoff games, he countered seven goals and 13 assists for 20 points in 18 games, the most points ever scored by a rookie in playoff competition.

Esposito and Murdoch were Don's regular linemates all through the regular season and the playoffs. It looks like a line that could stay together for a long time. Don is the "feeder" of the trio, with Phil and Murdoch reaping the benefits.

"When Don got the call from New Haven," recalls brother Dave, "I told him: 'Look, they brought you up here to play your game, Don't go running around.'" And play his game he did, so much so that by the end of the season, Don was one of the most popular players on the Rangers, popular with teammates and fans alike.



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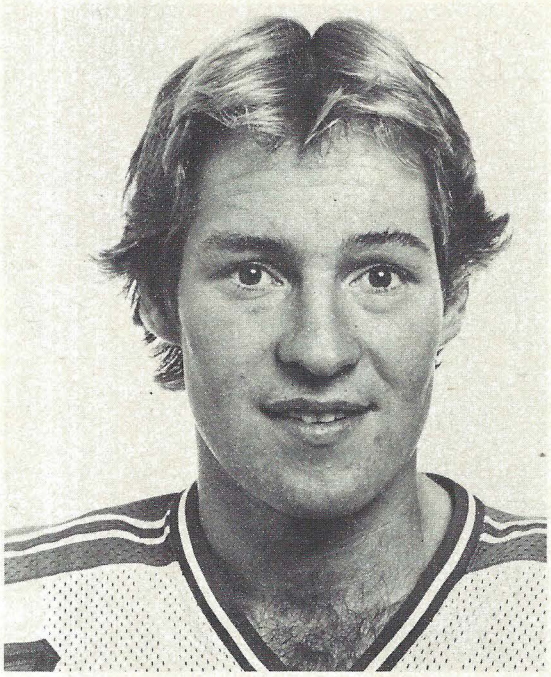

DON MALONEY
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"It was certainly an advantage to have Dave on the same team," says Don. "Ney York is such a big city and a kid might feel intimidated at first. But Dave told me where to go, and I felt at home here right away."

Actually the Maloney reunion on ice might have happened earlier in the season, but a succession of nagging injuries hit Don at New Haven, delaying his arrival in the Big Apple.

Don's sensational debut in the big leagues never went to his head, and he's determined to prove it was no flash in the pan. "Once you come up to the big league," he says, "you certainly never want to go back".

"The way I played last season felt like a miracle," he continues, "but miracles are always happening, especially in sports. We've got a very young team, and what we did in the playoffs last year gave us all a lot of confidence."

Shero, the maestro of the Rangers' fantastic revival, knows a good hockey player when he sees one, and Fred certainly likes what he sees in Don Maloney.

"Actually, his scoring is a bonus," says Fred. He's a bumper and a grinder. He never stops working. He's tough, but clean. He'll go into a corner, take the hit he knows is coming, and dig around until he comes up with the puck. He's not a terribly fast skater, but he makes up for that with determination.

"He reminds me somewhat of Bert Olmstead who played for the great Canadian teams of the 1950s. Guys like Maurice Richard and Jean Beliveau got all the goals and credit, but Olmstead did the work.

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14 VANCOUVER	15	16	17	18	19 QUEBEC	20
21 MINNESOTA	22	23 N.Y. ISLANDERS	24 N.Y. RANGERS	25	26 ATLANTA	27
28 WASHINGTON	29	30 ST. LOUIS	31			
NOV				1	2 N.Y. ISLANDERS	3
4 BOSTON	5	6	7 DETROIT	8 BOSTON	9	10
11 TORONTO (afternoon)	12	13 WASHINGTON	14	15 PHILADELPHIA	16	17 HARTFORD
18 BUFFALO	19	20	21 TORONTO	22	23	24 PHILADELPHIA
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30 QUEBEC	31					
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13 BUFFALO	14	15	16 WASHINGTON	17 BOSTON	18	19 PITTSBURGH
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	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Chicago	80	29	36	15	73	244	277
Vancouver	80	25	42	13	63	217	291
St. Louis	80	18	50	12	48	249	348
Colorado	80	15	53	12	42	210	331

PATRICK DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Islanders	80	51	15	14	116	358	214
Philadelphia	80	40	25	15	95	281	248
Rangers	80	40	29	11	91	316	292
Atlanta	80	41	31	8	90	327	280

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	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Montreal	80	52	17	11	115	337	204
Pittsburgh	80	36	31	13	85	281	279
Los Angeles	80	34	34	12	80	292	286
Washington	80	24	41	15	63	273	338
Detroit	80	23	41	16	62	252	295

ADAMS DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	80	43	23	14	100	316	270
Buffalo	80	36	28	16	88	280	263
Toronto	80	34	33	13	81	267	252
Minnesota	80	28	40	12	68	257	289

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TOP TEN NHL GOALERS

	GP	MIN	GA	SO	AVG.
Ken Dryden, Montreal	47	2814	108	5	2.30
Glenn Resch, Islanders	43	2539	106	2	2.50
Bernie Parent, Philadelphia	36	1979	89	4	2.70
Michel Larocque, Montreal	34	1986	94	3	2.84
Mike Palmateer, Toronto	58	3396	167	4	2.85
Billy Smith, Islanders	40	2261	108	1	2.87
Don Edwards, Buffalo	54	3160	159	2	3.02
Mario Lessard, Los Angeles	49	2860	148	4	3.10
Glen Hanlon, Vancouver	31	1821	94	3	3.10
Gerry Cheevers, Boston	43	2509	132	1	3.16

TOP TWENTY-FIVE SCORERS IN THE NHL, 1978-79

	GP	G	A	PTS
Bryan Trottier, Islanders	76	47	87	134
Marcel Dionne, Los Angeles	80	59	71	130
Guy Lafleur, Montreal	80	52	77	129
Mike Bossy, Islanders	89	69	57	126
Bob MacMillan, Atlanta	79	37	71	108
Guy Chouinard, Atlanta	80	50	57	107
Denis Potvin, Islanders	73	31	70	101
Bernie Federko, St. Louis	74	31	64	95
Dave Taylor, Los Angeles	78	43	48	91
Clark Gillies, Islanders	75	35	56	91
Dennis Maruk, Minn-Wash	78	31	59	90
Darryl Sittler, Toronto	70	36	51	87
Butch Goring, Los Angeles	80	36	51	87
Rick Middleton, Boston	71	38	48	86
Lanny McDonald, Toronto	79	43	42	85
Gil Perreault, Buffalo	79	27	58	85
Eric Vail, Atlanta	80	35	48	83
Brian Sutter, St. Louis	77	41	39	80
Peter McNab, Boston	76	35	45	80
Bill Barber, Philadelphia	79	34	46	80
Anders Hedberg, Rangers	80	33	46	79
Phil Esposito, Rangers	80	42	36	78
Ivan Boldirev, Chi-Atl	79	35	43	78
Steve Shutt, Montreal	72	37	40	77
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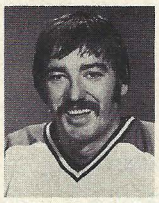

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But the game as played today had its origins in Canada and there is little disagreement to the claim that some form of the ice game was first brought to North America shores by British soldiers garrisoned at Halifax. Montreal and Kingston, Ont. Whether the game was called bandy, shinny, shinty or hocquet — well, that's another matter.

Three students of Montreal's McGill University are credited with setting up proper rules to cover such things as duration of play, number of players, positions, form and shape of the puck, penalties for infractions and size of the goal. That was 1879. Sticks were made in the Indian village of Caughnawaga, cost 35 cents each and were fashioned after field hockey sticks.

Ice was rented in the Crystal Skating Club and they started playing Saturday mornings with 15 men a side. This was found unwieldy and before long the number was reduced to seven. Other teams were formed and by 1883 it had grown into a series of games during Ice Carnival Week. Encouraged by the new uniform rules, the game spread to other points of Quebec and Ontario, and ultimately across the entire country and spilled over into northern parts of the United States.

Some of the early rules of hockey read as follows:

- A team shall be composed of seven players, right winger, center and left winger;
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- The goalkeeper must not, during play, lie, sit or kneel upon the ice. He may when in goal stop the puck with his hands but shall not throw or hold it. Offenders may be ruled off the ice.

Well, as you know, the game has changed considerably from those days. Six-man hockey became universally accepted in 1922. Hockey rinks are now approximately 85 feet by 200 feet, and of course goaltenders are allowed all the help they can get, including the wearing of masks that became common in the 1960's.

It may be impossible to pinpoint the birthplace or origin of the game of hockey but it continues to grow into international manhood after 100 years in the process of maturing.

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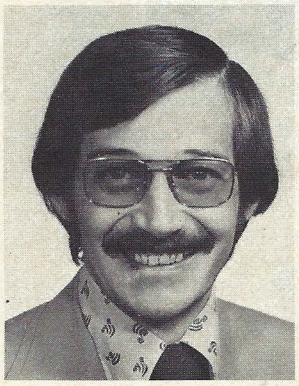

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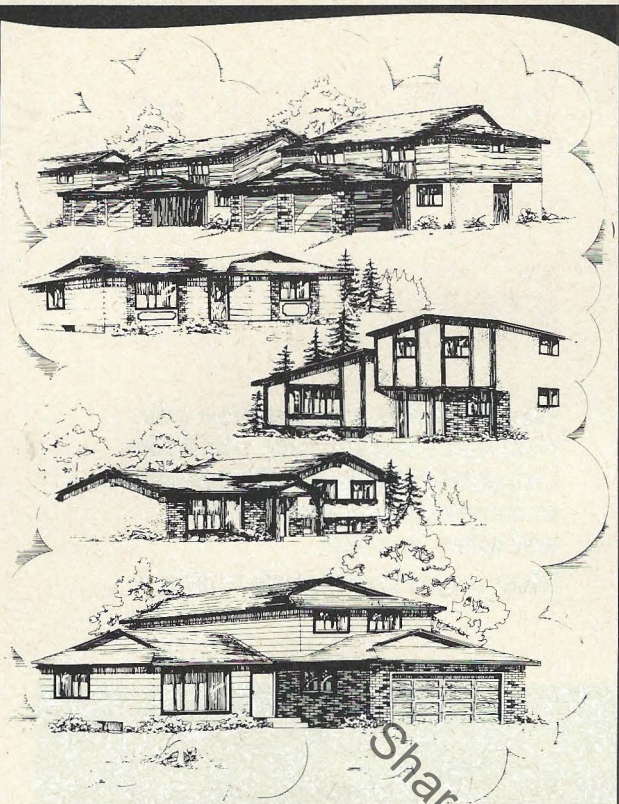

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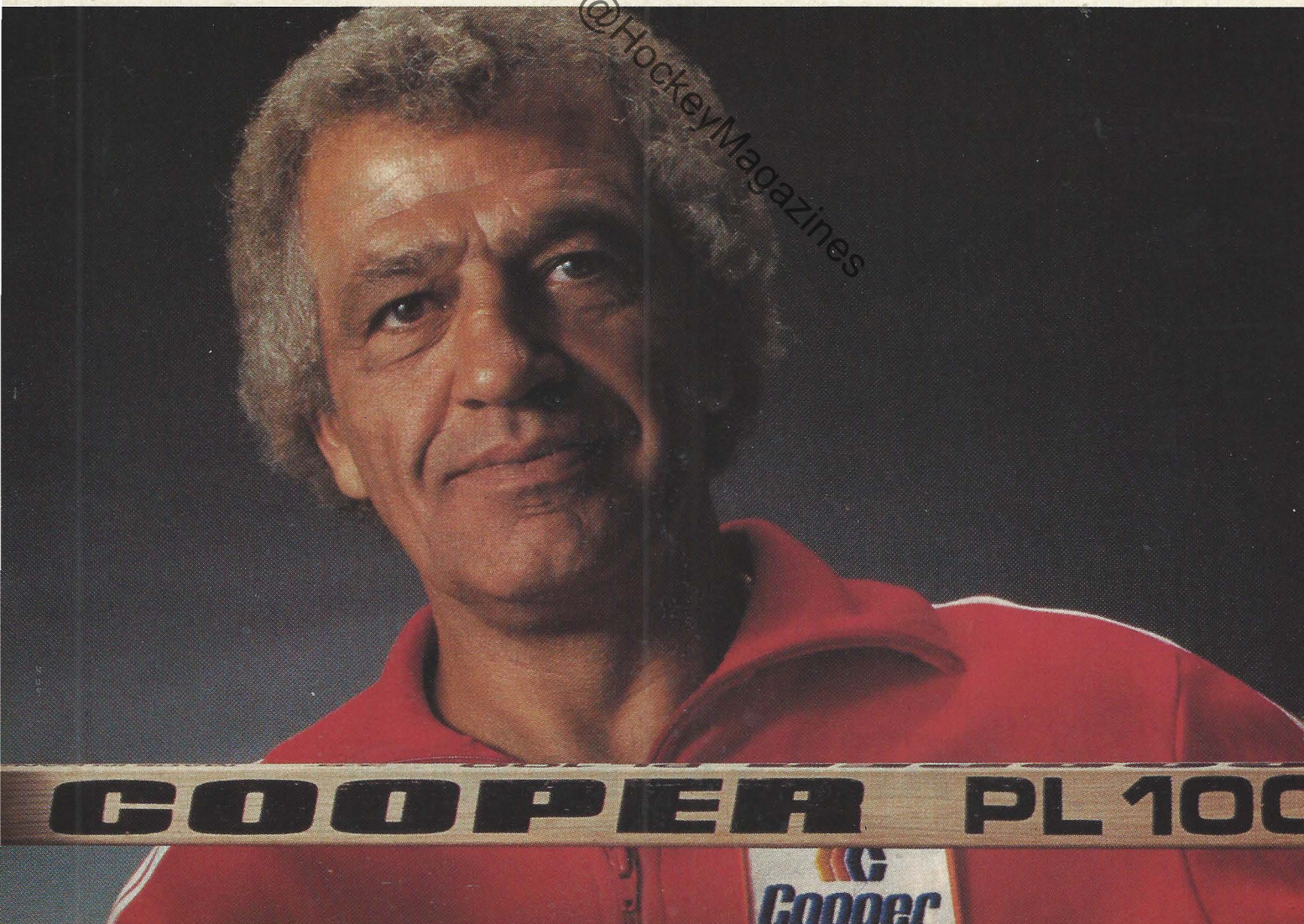

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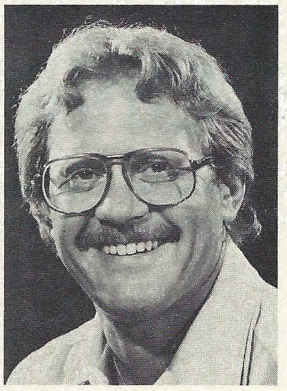

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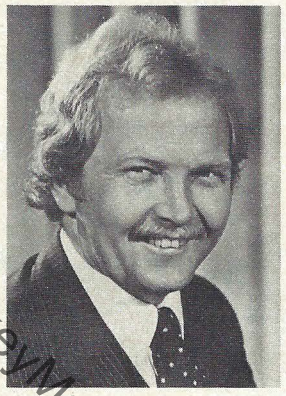

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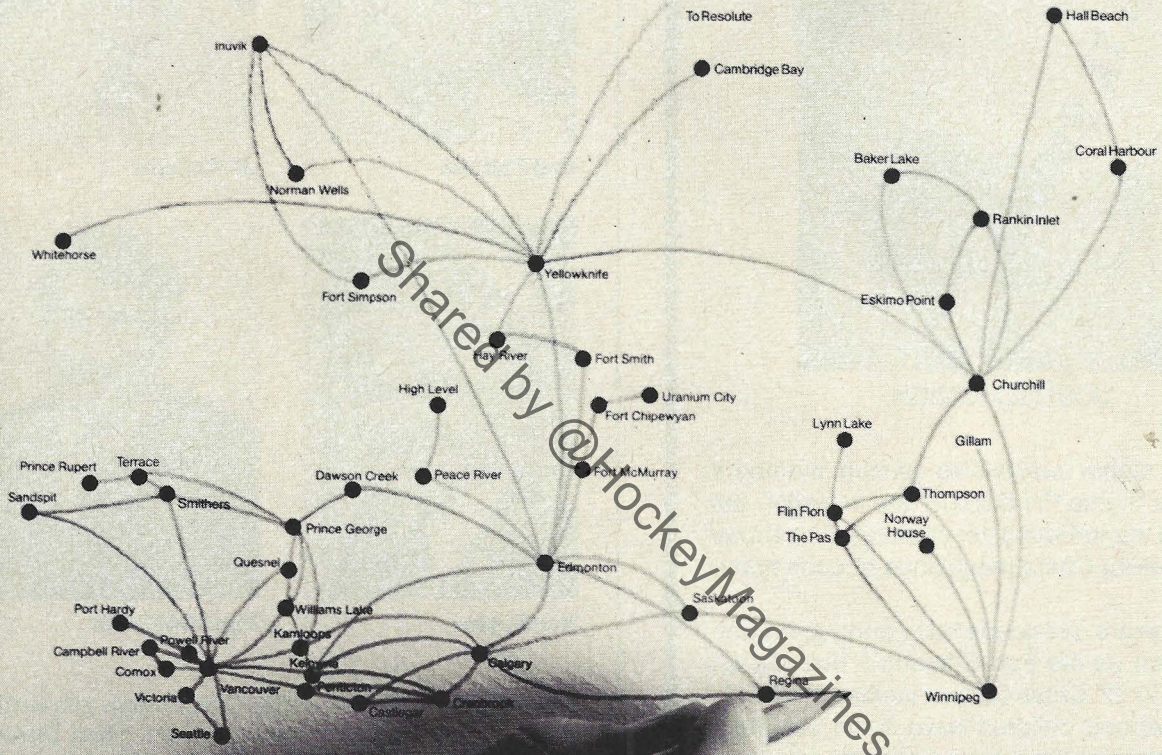

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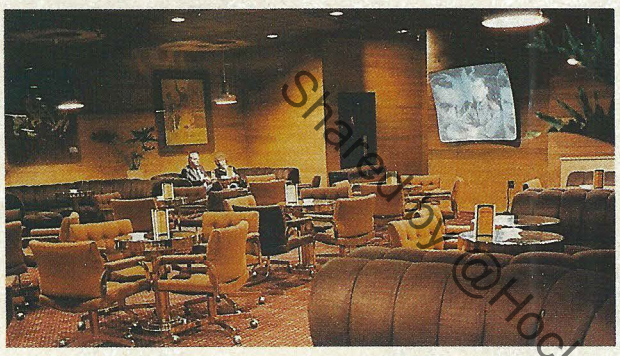

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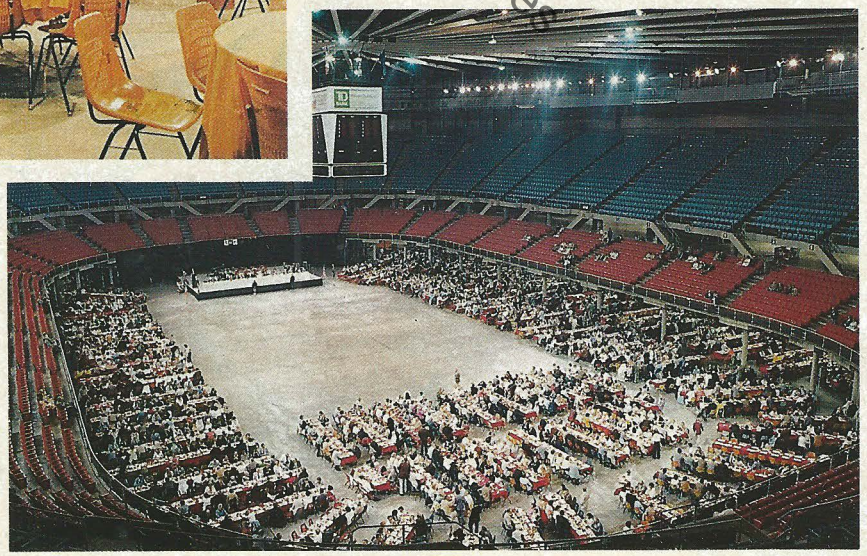

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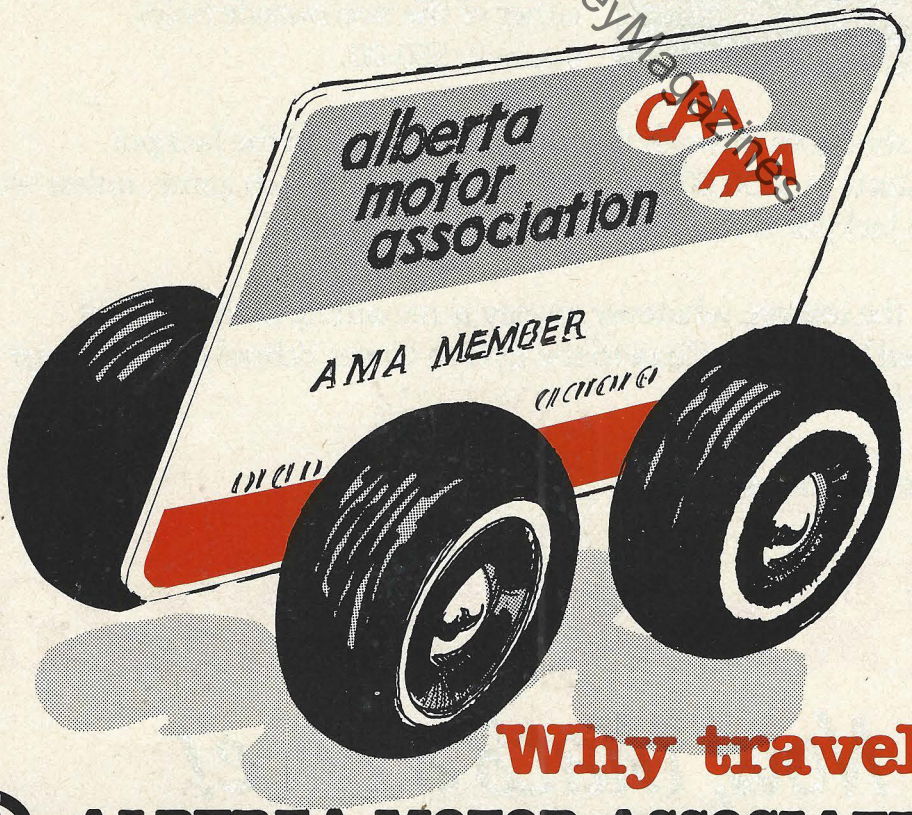

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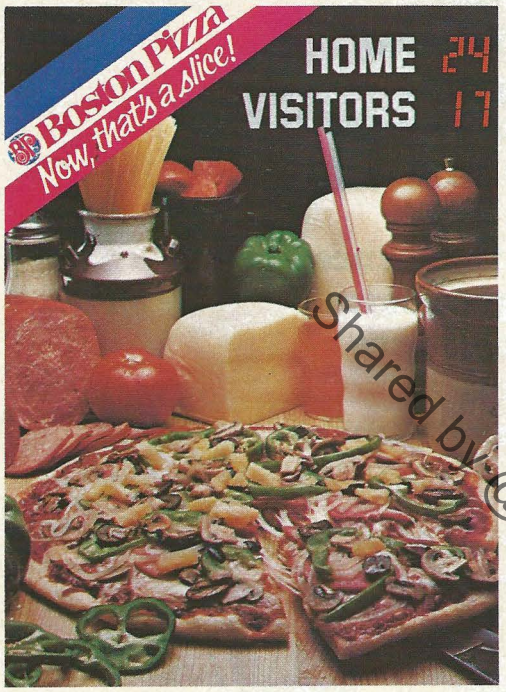

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No one is more complimentary toward young Maloney than Esposito, who admittedly enjoyed last season as much as he had any previous year in his great career.

"He's the best winger I've played with since Wayne Cashman in Boston," says Espo. "Don's like Wayne in a lot of ways. He'll dig for the puck and he skates up and down the wing. He makes it easy for his centre, because if you're in position to score, he'll get you the puck. With him on my wing, I might play until I'm 50."

Responds Maloney, "Playing with Phil is like a dream come true. I mean, as a kid I used to watch him on television and now I'm on his line . . . I get a thrill just talking about it. He's helping me a great deal. When I do something wrong, he corrects me. When I do something right, he encourages me."

Shero's quiet patience also has built Maloney's belief in himself.

"I still make an awful lot of mistakes, but he keeps putting me back on the ice. He'll never say anything to me until we have a practice, and then it's always constructive. He's a genius at this game. He gives us an advantage in so many little ways."

Maloney, the Rangers' number one selection in the NHL's Amateur Draft, had double reason to be excited by his instant success with the Rangers. "My parents were in the stands that night against the Bruins. When I realized what I had done, scoring on my first shot, it seemed too good to be true. But it was."

The Maloney family operates a 100-acre farm near Kitchener, Ontario, and the standing family joke is that the best skater in the family is neither Don nor Dave. It's 21 year-old Bob Maloney, who decided he likes studying, travelling, and folk singing more than playing hockey.

"During that emotional playoff series against the Islanders, we hadn't heard from Bob in months," recalls Don. "He was off in Israel somewhere just playing his guitar. In fact, I don't even think he knew we were in the playoffs."

There are seven Maloney children in all, the others being Janet, 18, Jim, 11, and Rosemary, 7.

The family was always a close one, but Dave and Don, like most fraternal sporting rivals, had a few scrapes along the way. Like the time about 10 years ago when Dave put the Beatles' rendition of "Hey Jude" on the phonograph. Don didn't like the tune. Soon they were throwing punches.

"Dave got a good right in," Don remembers, "and cut me on the cheek for a couple of stitches."

"He ended up throwing plates at me." Dave recalls. "And the record was all busted up."

They laugh about it now, of course, just as they hope to laugh when the Rangers win their Stanley Cup. The record books show that each time a Ranger team has won the Stanley Cup, a brother combination has led them — Bill and Bun Cook in 1928 and 1933; Lynn and Muzz Patrick as well as Neil and Mac Colville in 1940.

History has a way of repeating itself, they say . . . and the Maloney brothers certainly hope it does.

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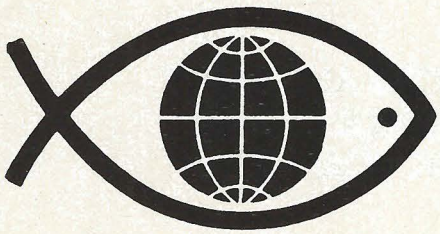

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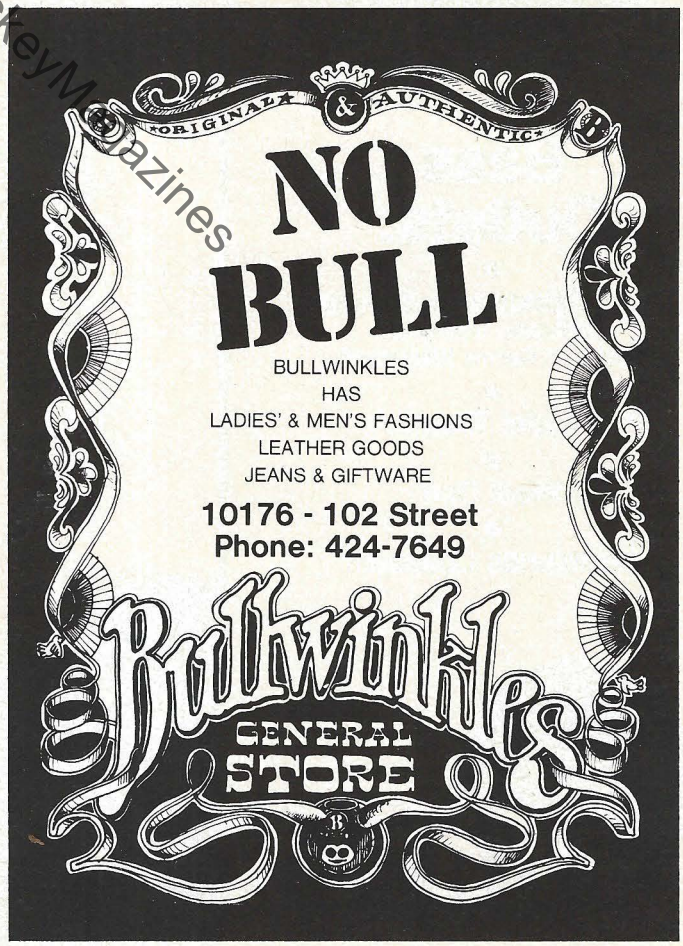

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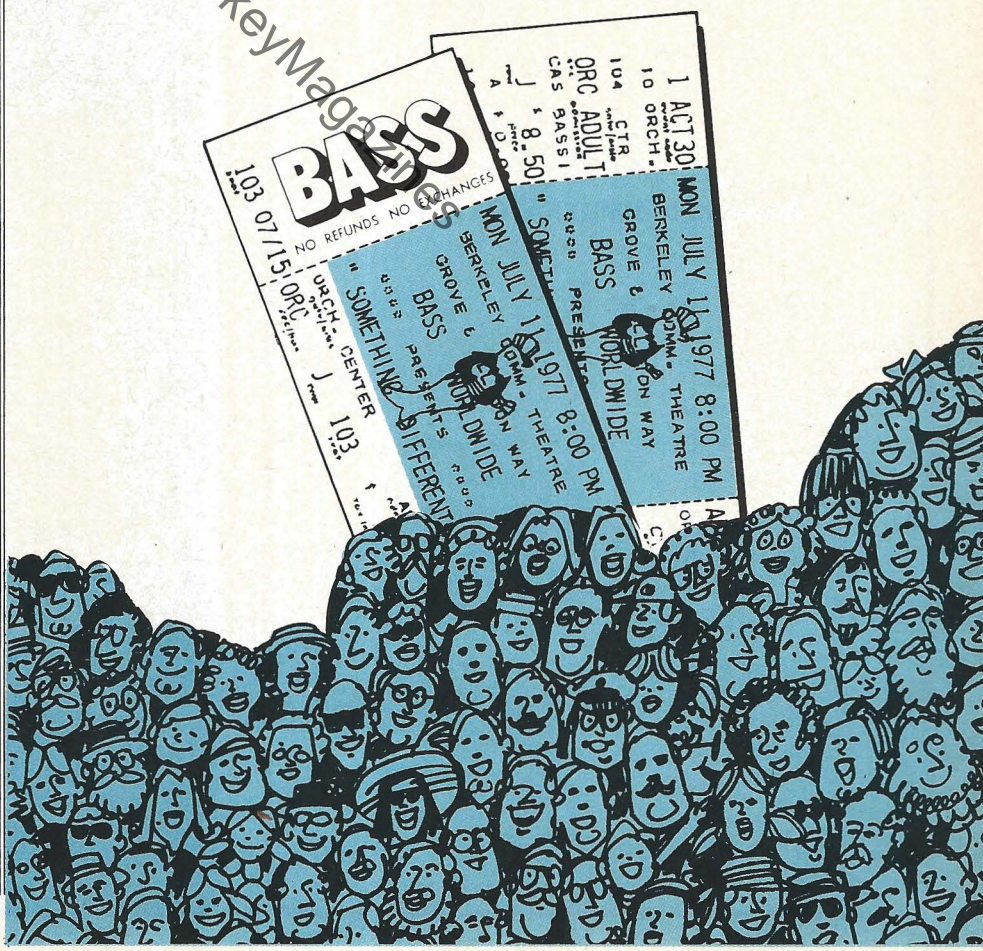

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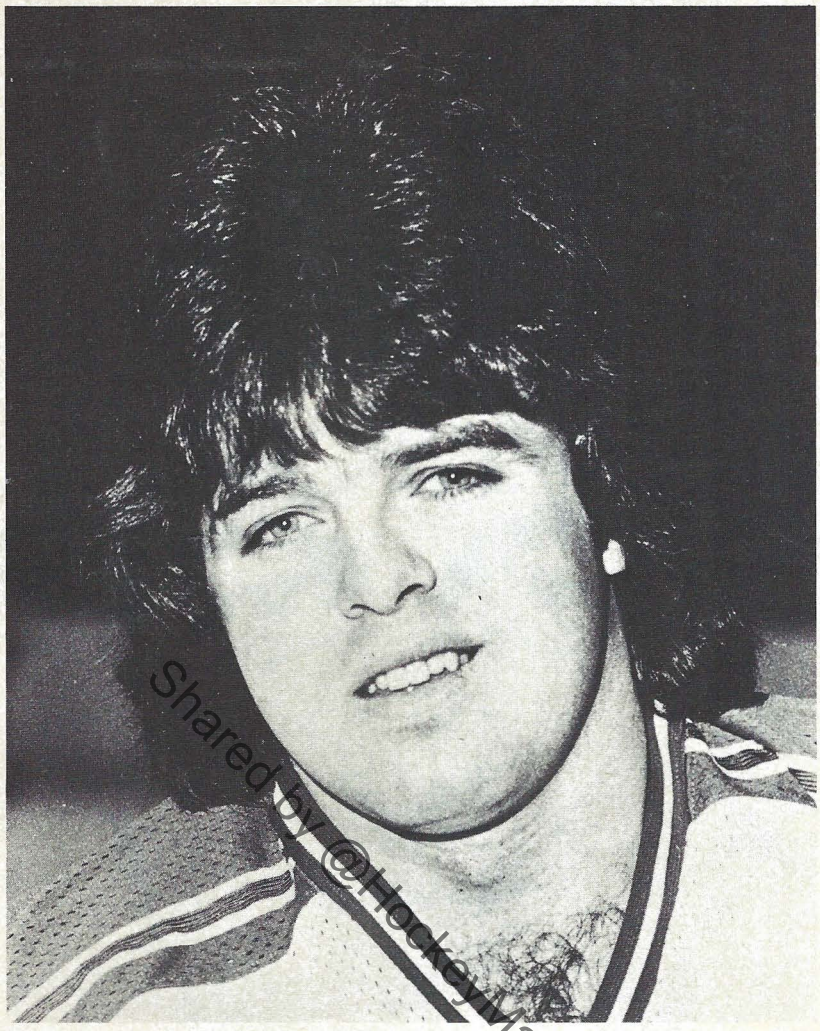

DON MURDOCH
. . . comes to Oilers

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other room to tell the other guys and they all thought I was lying.

"Cam? Well, he did nothing. Just put down his stick and walked away."

Thus, Connor became an Edmonton Oiler in Montreal, joining the new National Hockey League entry as its No. 1 pick in the expansion draft last June. Nine months later his career with the Oilers was over with, going to the Rangers in exchange for right-winger Don Murdoch.

"It definitely wasn't first-class," said Connor of the manner in which he was informed of the trade. "But, then I guess the Rangers had tried to get hold of me, the Oilers did, too, but I left early for practice. It's nobody's fault. And, I guess I should be happy, going from a team that's 19th to one that's in sixth (seventh) place."

For Connor, though, it's been a trying campaign.

Benched in Montreal for most of 1978-79, he thought he had a new lease on life when the Oilers obtained his rights last spring. But, his activities were curtailed in training camp when complications arose from some food poisoning he picked up in Boston during the playoffs.

"I think the chef got the wrong Montreal right-winger," he joked in a reference to Habs' super-star Guy Lafleur.

His back muscles tightened up to a point where he was forced to miss the first week of camp and when he was finally given the green light to scrimmage, Connor dashed onto the ice and absorbed a check into the boards from Fogolin. He hobbled off with a knee injury, hoping the damage was only a bruise, only to later discover his kneecap was cracked.

Two months later the 25-year-old made his debut as an Oiler in a 4-2 conquest of Chicago Black Hawks on Nov. 28. Rugged and anxious, he became embroiled in a battle with Hawks' rookie defenceman Keith Brown, a product of Edmonton. Chicago's Terry Ruskowski charged to the aid of the freshman defender, knocking the feet from under Connor, who was in the process of throwing a punch.

The fist collided with Brown's helmet and when the damage was surveyed through the eyes of an X-ray machine, Connor had suffered a broken hand.

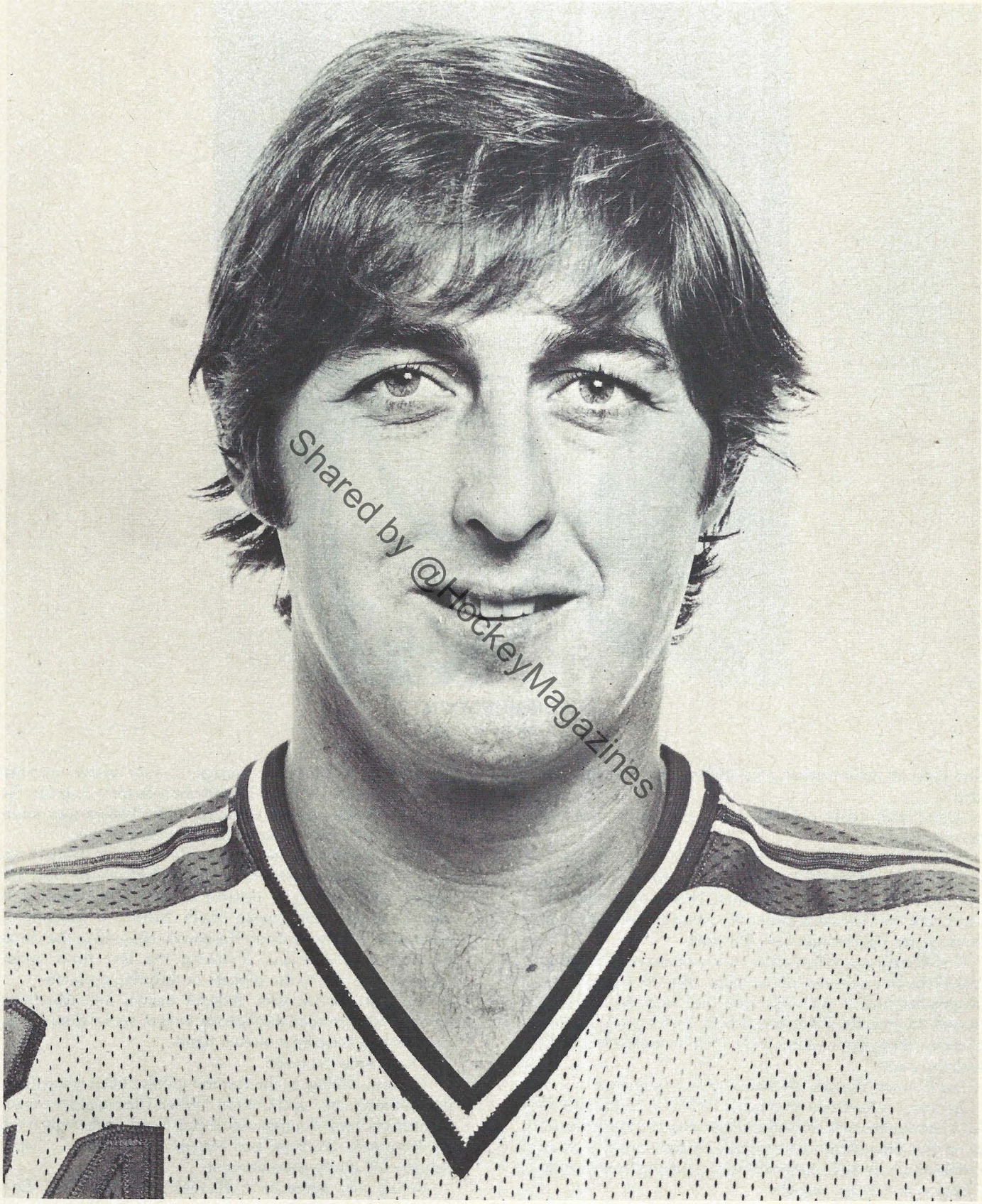
Then came the trade . . .

"I guess, judging by the way things have been going that's par for the course," said Connor. "When I first heard the news of the trade, I was dumbfounded. But, I went back to the hotel (in Montreal), sat down and relaxed for an hour . . . and actually felt pretty good about it."

In his first game as a Ranger, the New York fans immediately took to Connor when be became involved in a scrap with Colorado Rockies' Rob Ramage. With them, he was an instant hit.

Tonight he returns to the Coliseum. But, this time as a foe.

Tonight's Opponent . . .



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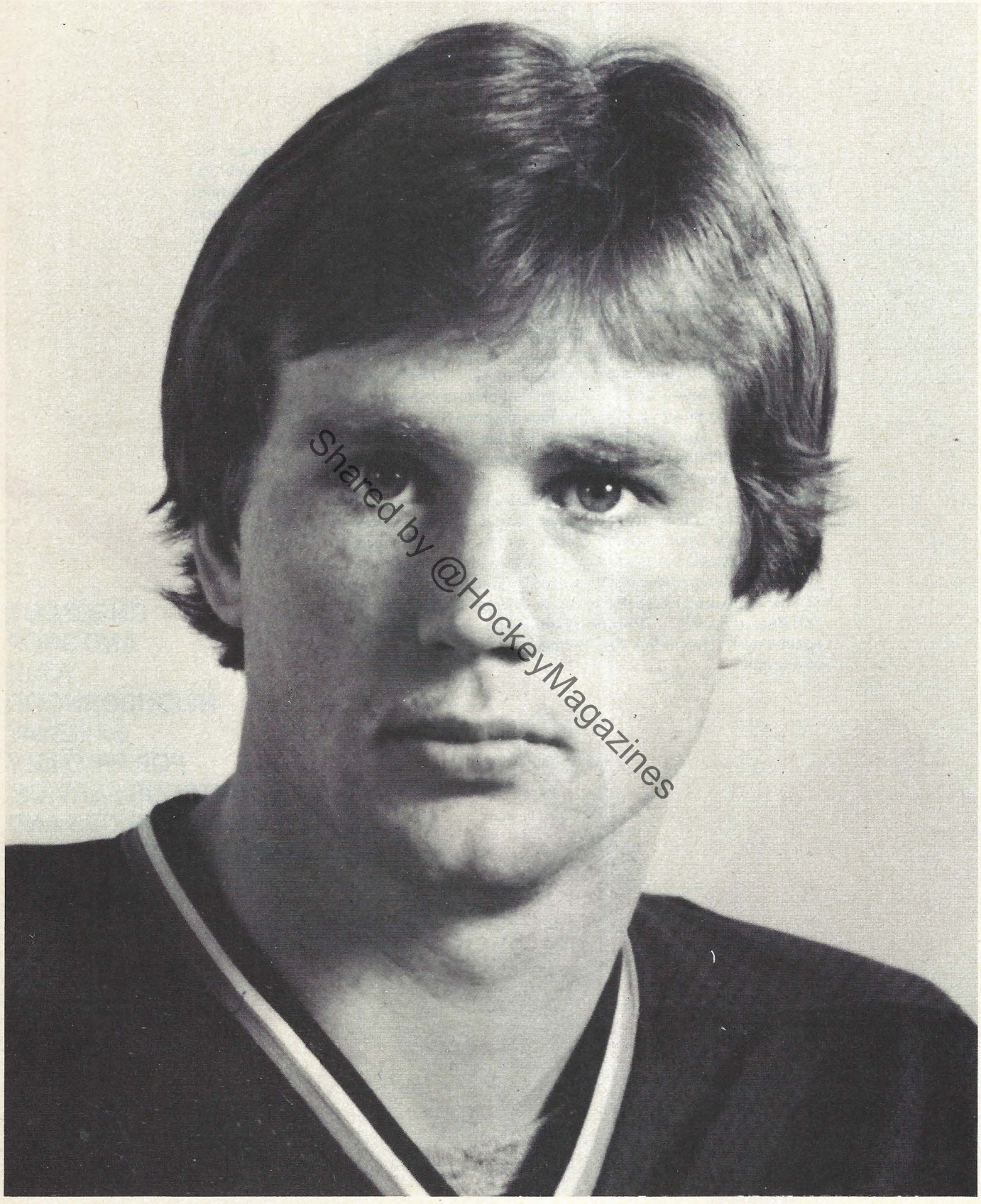
A quiet, effective veteran is often overlooked when New York Rangers come to town. In all the publicity generated by Fred Shero's club, the unsung heroes don't get much ink. Walt Tkaczuk doesn't seem to mind a bit. This is his 12th season in the NHL, all with the Rangers, and he is one of the most under-rated centres in the league.

Coming Up Next . . .



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A man Edmonton fans love to hate is coming to town with Pittsburgh Penguins Friday night. Rugged Kim Clackson makes up for his lack of finesse with a headlong approach to his sport that makes him extremely popular with home fans and a respected villain in all other arenas.

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Frank Beaton has established a reputation as a tough guy since he stepped into professional hockey in 1975-76. Beaton, who was born in Antigonish, N.S., spent 337 minutes in the penalty box in 1975-76 while playing with Hampton in the Southern Hockey League and Cincinnati in the World Hockey Association. He played 68 games for the Oilers in 1976-77 and led the WHA in penalty minutes with 274. Last season he picked up 319 minutes in penalties in 74 games with New Haven in the American Hockey League. But he's been a bit of a pussy cat in the NHL with the Rangers, with just 43 minutes in penalties in his first 25 games . . . **Peter Driscoll** was part of the November, 1978, WHA deal that brought **Eddie Mio** and **Wayne Gretzky** to the Oilers from Indianapolis . . . Rangers defenceman **Ron Greschner** was born in Goodsoil in Saskatchewan farm country, where he played against senior players in their 20s and 30s when he was just 12 years old . . . The Rangers are one of two teams that the Oilers haven't been able to at least pick up one point against this season. The other is Boston Bruins. In three previous clashes with the Oilers the Rangers won 10-1, 6-2 and 4-1 . . . **Don Murdoch** has scored five of the Rangers' first 20 goals against the Oilers . . . **Ulf Nilsson** of the Rangers, who missed 30 games this season with a back injury, and **Kent Nilsson** of Atlanta are not related, although both were born in Nynashamn, Sweden . . . **Wayne Gretzky** has picked up at least one point against every one of the Oilers's 20 NHL opponents. Los Angeles, Washington and New York Islanders have been Gretzky's favorite targets. He has six goals and six assists against the Kings, five goals and six assists against the Islanders and two goals and nine assists against the Capitals. Gretzky has scored a goal against every team except the Rangers, Chicago Black Hawks and Boston Bruins . . . **Blair MacDonald** has scored goals against every team but the Rangers, St. Louis and Minnesota.

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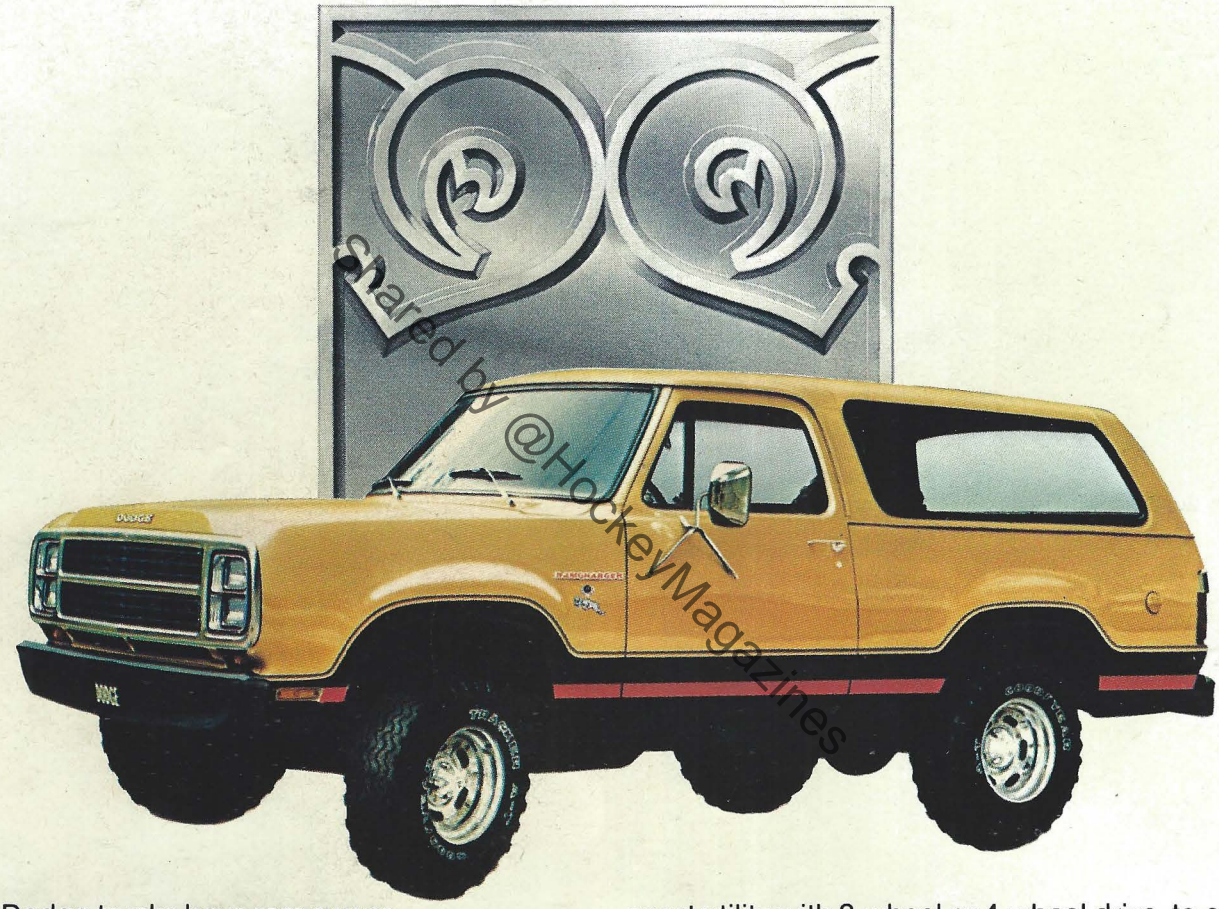

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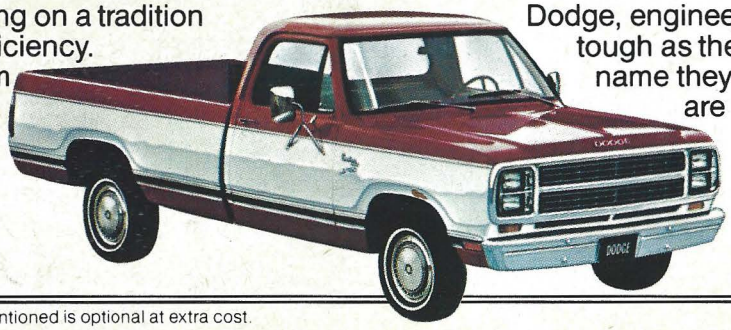

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